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Israel, Japan move toward closer ties

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir flew home from his official visit to Japan "satisfied and optimistic," according to foreign ministry officials in Jerusalem.

Shamir was the first Foreign Minister of Israel to visit Japan, a nation that has close relations with the Arab world.

Shamir met with Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone and Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, and heard from both of them that Tokyo is eager to have closer relations with Israel.

The group of Israeli business executives who accompanied Shamir on his visit have stayed on for detailed trade talks with Japanese officials and representatives of leading companies.

The Israeli group met with some of the top names in Japanese industry at the prestigious Kei Damien Commercial Centre.

Among those present were representatives from Toyota, Mitsubishi and other major firms which have traditionally shunned direct contact with Israel for fear of losing Arab markets.

In all his numerous meetings during five days in Tokyo, Shamir stressed Israel's consistent argument that close ties with Israel, both commercial and political, need not weaken Japan's ties with the Arab states.

Nakasone said Japan was intensifying its political interest and involvement in the Middle East, "We're interested in a dialogue with both sides," he was quoted as saying by Israeli sources. Nakasone noted that Japan's markets were open and free — and Israeli companies were welcome to compete for them.

Shamir invited Abe to visit Israel, and the Japanese minister accepted "in principle."

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Mixed emotions in Cracow

Pain, joy at bar mitzvah

By KEVIN FREEMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Reconstructionist rabbi who accompanied Eric Strom and his family to Poland for the first bar mitzvah celebration in Cracow in some 35 years last week described the visit with mixed emotion. (See CJN, Aug. 29).

"I think the experience had lots of pain as well as joy," said Rabbi Emily Korzenick, in a telephone interview from her home in Scarsdale, NY with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. While visiting the remnants of the once thriving Jewish community of Cracow "we were also seeing memorials to that which was."

At the same time, Korzenick appeared to brush aside the significance of the dispute which erupted among Orthodox rabbis here over the prospects of having Korzenick participate in services in an Orthodox synagogue in Cracow. "I had not come there to make waves," she asserted.

Korzenick accompanied Eric Strom on his journey to Cracow for his bar mitzvah, an idea that developed after a visit there last April by a group of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies trustees and leaders on a UJA-Federation Campaign of New York trip.

While on that trip, an elderly woman of the Cracow Jewish community asked the federation leader to "send us a bar

Eric Strom

mitzvah. Send us life." Arrangements were made, and on Sept. 2, 13-year-old Eric, his 9-year-old sister, Holly, his parents, Barry and Marjery Strom, three of his four grandparents, Korzenick, and Auschwitz survivor Edward Bonder, departed for Poland.

There was some controversy over the selection of the Remu synagogue in Cracow. The Rabbinical Council of America issued a statement saying "it would be a betrayal of Jewish history" if the Jews of Cracow allowed a Reform or Conservative rabbi to officiate in the synagogue, the oldest in Cracow.

The site was changed before the Sept. 7 bar mitzvah, either under Orthodox pressure or to accommodate larger crowds — some 150 persons attended the services — to the 130-year-old Tempel synagogue. Korzenick took her place Saturday morning with the other women sitting in a separate section of the balcony.

She emphasized that they had not prepared themselves to confront the Orthodox rabbi Nachum Elbaum, a New York businessman and travel agent who, along with an unidentified cantor, arrived in Poland shortly before the Friday evening services began. Elbaum conducted Friday night services, and the Saturday morning services.

There is no rabbi in Cracow.

Bonder, who served as a translator on the visit, read the Torah portion Saturday. At the closing of the service, Eric signalled for Korzenick to come to the bima as he was preparing to recite his Haftorah portion. Korzenick came down to the bima, she recalled, and had a prayer shawl she was going to place over her shoulders snatched away by Elbaum.

Eric's grandfather, meanwhile, handed her

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Israeli-terrorist meetings outlawed by Knesset vote

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset, by an overwhelming majority, passed a bill outlawing meetings between Israelis and representatives of terrorist organizations. But two dissenting Knesset members indicated they were about to challenge the new law by doing precisely what it forbids.

The Knesset, still in summer recess, was recalled for a special session act on the measure and also to extend current wage restrictions. The bill was supported by most Likud MKs, the religious parties and the right-wing Tehiya Party. It also had the backing of Labor Party hawks. Though many Laborites criticized it, all voted in favor of the measure because they were bound to by their coalition agreement with Likud.

The only Labor MK to cast a negative vote was an Arab, Abdul Wahab Darawshe. He was joined by the left-wing opposition parties which argued that the law made it impossible to establish any dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization and would thus prove an obstacle to peace.

The two members of the Progressive List for Peace, Mattiyahu Peled and Mohammad Mlari, were absent. But they released a statement saying they were now in Geneva to attend a United Nations conference and would be meeting there with PLO representative Shafik al-Hout. That meeting will provide the first test of the effectiveness of the new law.

Holiday deadline

Because of the holidays, the editorial deadline for the Oct. 3 issue is advanced to Friday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m.

The Oct. 16 issue will also go to press earlier because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Editorial deadline for this issue is Friday, Oct. 4.

Kahane predicts PM post; denies charges of racism

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the extremist Kach Party in Israel, predicted last week that he will become Prime Minister of Israel because the Israel government is unable to prevent Arab terrorism.

Kahane, answering questions after delivering a speech to a national Press Club luncheon here, said that American Jewish leaders are "terrified" of him and that their greatest fear is that some day they will have to be at "Washington airport to greet Prime Minister Kahane."

In his talk to the National Press Club, broadcast on National Public Radio and C-Band TV, Kahane used humor and a more subdued tone than usual to present his views to what was probably his largest non-Jewish audience ever.

The American-born rabbi, who recently resigned as head of the Jewish Defence League which he founded, strongly denied that he was a racist, declaring that he is against racism "with every fibre of my body." He said he was offended by Israel President Chaim Herzog's recent statement comparing his views with those of the Nazis. He said his policies are not "Kahaneism . . . it is Judaism."

Kahane maintained that there is a basic "contradiction" between the State of Israel being both a democracy and a Jewish state. He argued that Israel cannot be a Jewish state if the Arab population, having a vote, outnumbers the Jewish population.

Kahane said that is why he wants to expel all Arabs, from Israel proper as well as Judea and Samaria. He said he would allow Arabs to stay in Israel with personal rights if they would give up the right to vote. But, he said, no self-respecting Arab under the age of 40 would accept this.

At the same time, Kahane maintained that if the Arabs left Israel, the country could remain a democracy for Jews since while he would prefer a Jewish state ruled by the Torah, he would never impose the will of a minority on the majority.

Kahane denounced a law pending in the Knesset outlawing from participation in Knesset elections parties preaching racism or which are opposed to democracy or to Israel being a Jewish state. He called the law, which is seen as aimed at Kach, "stupid and amateurish" and said if it was introduced in the U.S. Congress, American Jewish organizations would be "climbing the walls."

But when asked what he would do if Kach was outlawed, he replied, "If I am banned, like (Charles)

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Israel basking in tourism boom

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has enjoyed a boom in tourism over the past 12 months and leaders of the industry are confident they can repeat the success and do even better in the year ahead.

They told a press conference here last week that a record 865,000 tourists visited Israel in the period January-July, 1985, a 19% increase over the same period last year. In the last 12 months, 1.5 million tourists came, representing $1.5 billion in revenues.

Rafi Farber, director-general of the ministry of tourism, said Israel could increase its tourist business without investing in a larger infrastructure. He pointed out that there are now some 30,000 hotel rooms in the country which can accommodate more than 2 million tourists a year. This means Israel can absorb an additional 600,000 visitors without building more hotels.

Leaders of the Jerusalem Hotel Association said they would embark on an unprecedented marketing effort to increase the number of tourists coming to the capital. They will concentrate on international fairs, publicity drives, seminars and special sales incentives. The hoteliers plan to invest about $200,000 in the drive.

COMEDIAN A HIT

Comedian Dick Gregory (left) was the star of the recent Commonwealth Jewish Council conference held in Ottawa. He is seen here receiving a presentation from the Council president Greville Janner. For more on the conference see page 5. [Howard Kay photo]

World-National

You can't judge a book by its title

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Yes, it's true, I admit eagerly, I'm writing my first novel. And I already know what the next question will be: "What's its title?"

Not: What's the subject? or even, in this age of quantification: How long is it? No, invariably the inquiry concerns the title. I try to convince my friend that the title is more often a sales gimmick than a reflection of the content.

Rabbi Plaut

No matter, my questioner, if he/she hasn't lost interest by this time, will smile benevolently and then, undaunted, force me to reveal what appears as a great dark secret. Alas, I'm not sure.

"The Letter" is the current, working title, and the book is indeed about a letter. A crucial one in the history of Jews and of the world, I might add (in case the readers of this column want to know).

Then, inevitably: I bet the book is about religion? No, I reply, not at all, unless of course one finds all events in history subsumed under the rubric or religion.

Ha, ha, I know: It's abo ex — whereupon I modestly avert my eyes.

That's usually the trend of the conversation and I wait in keen anticipation for someone who will alter the sequence. It will probably happen soon, but by then the title of the book may have been changed.

I'm on my third revision now, and I marvel at the process, about which I had known nothing when I started. I had outlined the general plot and I had the issues with which I hoped to deal, firmly in mind.

There were to be two main characters, a man and a woman. They are still there but they aren't at all what I had meant them to be. And besides, they have become three by this time: two men and a woman, and they have all developed quite far from my first intentions.

Whatever I have done (or not done), I seem to have let the characters take on their own personalities as I went along. I haven't kept the lid on and told them to behave and do what I'd told them. Maybe an experienced novelist would know how to do that; I didn't.

Every 30 or 40 pages I had to re-read my scribbles (I haven't graduated to typewriter or word processor) and make sure that the latest exploits of Captain Driscoll are a believable extension of his earlier actions; that he hasn't deployed a potbelly when only two months before he was a tough slender athlete. And so on.

Then comes the editor whom the publisher has asked to work with me and who, I'm happy to say, agreed to do it. She doesn't see things the way I do, or rather, she lets me know what she would like to see but presently doesn't.

"A little more passion," she writes in the margin. "Too much conversation" in one place, "Too little" in another. Marvellous, to have an honest, sensitive co-worker help me along. Maybe next time I'll need less help, though I double it.

Meanwhile, of course, I nurse exciting dreams about making the best-seller list, crashing the American market, and intrigue Hollywood. Alas, I've got to put this revision behind me before I will be able to see my dreams fulfilled or, banish the possibility, have them blown away by the cold winds of reality.

(McClelland and Stewart has scheduled the novel for publication next spring.)

Israel shouldn't fear U.S. deals with Arabs

Secret report favors arms sales

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration has informed the U.S. Congress that Israel's "qualitative" military edge over any combination of Arab adversaries is "secure and likely to grow stronger, under present policy, at least through the rest of this decade."

In a 17-page secret report on the Arab-Israeli arms balance submitted to Congress in July and made available to this reporter the other day, the administration made the case that Israel need not really fear any proposed new U.S. arms sales to Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The paper, a summary of the administration's interagency study of the arms balance in the region, said that Israel's security is "central to U.S. policy in the Middle East.

"We believe that our willingness to provide Israel some of our most advanced weapons system is vital to this objective," the report said. "It contributes to Israel's security by providing it a qualitative edge; that is, the technical capacity to defeat any combination of potential Arab adversaries — thus serving as a strong deterrent to overt attack."

President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz are currently in the final stage of deciding on the exact components of a new U.S. sale to Jordan and Saudi Arabia. There are indications a formal package, including all sorts of missiles and other advanced weaponry, will be submitted soon.

The secret administration report described the nature of the various threats facing U.S. friends in the Middle East and the basic reasons why the U.S. should continue to provide military assistance to them.

"Our military relationship with Israel has dual purpose," it said, "to ensure that Israel can defend itself against any probable combination of enemies and to improve the U.S. strategic position in the area through combined planning with the most modern and powerful military force in the region."

In the latter regard, the report noted that the U.S. and Israel were strengthening their strategic cooperation aimed at thwarting increased Soviet influence in the region.

"Although Israel's strategic value in dealing with intra-regional crises is limited by political alignment and geography, Israeli cooperation would be helpful in the event of U.S. intervention in the Eastern Mediterranean to counter a Soviet threat," it said. "Israel also serves as a counter to Syrian aspirations in the area and to Soviet efforts to use Syria as a surrogate."

Remains in state of war

The report said that continued U.S. support for Israel was also important in encouraging Israel to participate in the Arab-Israeli peace process. "To continue to move toward a negotiated settlement," it said, "Israel needs confidence in both its ability to withstand threats to its security and in the constancy of U.S. support and assistance."

It was specific in describing the threat facing Israel. "Israel," it said, "remains in a technical state of war with several Arab states, from which it does not face an immediate threat. It faces a continuing threat from an implacably hostile Syria bent on 'strategic parity' and from various radical groups. Despite its qualitative edge, Israel's geographic vulnerability and relatively small population severely limit its ability to fight a protracted war."

But the report went on to note the major threats facing Jordan and Saudi Arabia as well. "Jordan, which recently has taken bold steps forward in the peace process, is increasingly vulnerable to intimidation or attack from its powerful and menacing neighbor, Syria," it said.

The report also made the connection between continued U.S. arms sales to Jordan and its willingness to cooperate with the peace process. "Most immediately," it said, "Jordan's role as a moderate state which is taking risks to achieve a negotiated peace with Israel on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 242 is at the heart of our efforts to help achieve peace between Israel and its neighbors."

The U.S. has to provide Jordan with "clear and tangible support" in order to have Jordan grapple with entering into negotiations with Israel. "Jordan is more vulnerable to external and internal pressures than either Israel or Egypt, due to the overt opposition of a much more powerful Syria," it said. "Jordan will face increased threats to its security as it proceeds further in the peace process."

"Help preserve survival"

The report specifically cautioned Congress against opposing new arms sales to Jordan. "We know that previous efforts to withhold arms to Jordan or link their sale to its participation in the peace process have weakened our leverage and resulted in Jordan's turning to other suppliers, including the Soviet Union."

Such U.S. sales to Jordan, it said, were also in Israel's own best interest.

"Our arms transfers can . . . help preserve the survival of this moderate regime on Israel's border, thereby enhancing Israel's security," it added.

Similar arguments were made in connection with Saudi Arabia, "the only country in the Gulf region which is both friendly to U.S. interests and capable of playing an important regional role."

The report said Saudi Arabia "will support our efforts to promote peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors in relationship to our credibility as an even-handed intermediary, its assessment of our chances for success, and, most importantly, the degree of Arab consesus about our efforts."

It also said the Saudis will allow the U.S. access to military bases there to "counter Soviet aggression or in regional crises they cannot manage on their own." Still, the administration said the Saudis have "steadfastly resisted formal access agreements."

The paper went on to make the case for continued U.S. military support for Egypt, which, it said, "will continue to face the danger of direct confrontation with Libya as well as the threat of terrorist operations such as last year's Red Sea mining."

Day of rest can provide a rare type of freedom

By
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CASCO BAY, Maine —

The light has already changed. The soft airbrushed quality of August has lifted and everything — the prematurely red branch of the sumac, the wilting jewel weed, the overripe rosehips — is outlined in September clarity.

Lying on the porch with my prop (the book that accompanies my nap), I try to postpone the new year, to fend off the lists that lurk right outside my vacation consciousness. I want to sink for just a few more hours into that state of timelessness and ease that is as comfortable and unrestrained as the rope of the hammock beneath my body.

Like most of those whose biorhythms were imprinted by the school calendar, I know that summer doesn't last. Already this "Dear Parent" is being urged back into seasonal harness.

Leisure — not that American oxymoron "leisure-time activity" but real leisure — is being replaced by alarm clocks and time frames and schedules. There is a foreign hand at the metronome and as the temperature goes down, its tempo goes up. By some unnatural order, we are given more to do just as the days get shorter.

What do I want to take home from my summer vacation? I close my eyes and think. Time. That is what I would like. The wonderful luxury of being at rest. The days when you shut down the mental machinery that keeps life on track and let life simply wander. The days when you stop planning, analyzing, thinking and just are.

The line that runs through my head on this stolen day at the cusp of fall, is one written by Paul Simon; "Did you ever experience a period of grace/When your brain just took a seat behind your face?" Summer is my period of grace.

I don't know why it is so hard to find the same piece of time during the rest of the year. Life is more frenzied, I am told by friends. They say this philosophically, as if "it" were in charge and we had lost control.

The people I know live within the confines of their weeks-at-a-glance. When more is demanded of us, we get larger datebooks with more elaborate planners. We fit things in. We schedule — family, work, friendships. We organize with a fury of split-second timing. But have we almost never pencil in time to do nothing?

It gets harder every year to figure out what separates our own lives from those of the creature frantically working the golden rod beside me against a deadline of frost. What is the difference? A soul, the theologians say, a sense of mortality, a sabbath. Maybe it is the last, a day of rest, that we have lost first.

One of the advantages of this summer retreat is that I truly vacate both the workplace and the marketplace. But soon, at home, I will be again subject to Shopping Sundays, and to Washing Sundays, Cleaning Refrigerator Sundays, Driving the Car Sundays. There is no empty day in my weeks-at-a-glance.

My father, my grandfathers, I don't know how many generations back, worked six days and had one off. I don't at all envy their work life. But most of us work five days at one job, then thank God it is Friday and proceed to work two days at another.

Our mothers and grandmothers, for their part, labored for their families full-time. Now we hold two jobs, moonlighting every week, and then consider Sunday shopping to be a wonderful modern convenience, a sure sign of progress.

What, I wonder from my post in a hammock, would happen if we reclaimed a private Sabbath? What if we obeyed that most humane of the old religious injunctions: a day of rest?

I wonder if there might not be some freedom in the restriction. The freedom to not chauffeur, shop, clean. The freedom to spend time in the most profligate way, whole hours of it in leisure and pleasure, instead of frittering away the coinage in errands and obligations.

I don't know if I can reclaim this secular Sabbath, even for sanity. At the door to a summer cottage the chores of fall already knock, demanding attention. It is remarkably hard to transfer chunks of time from doing to being, to give ourselves as much time as our laundry. But this new year, I resolve to try.

What will I take home from my summer vacation? A bit of nothing. One day a week, maybe. With luck, it may even take root in the cool September weekends.

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Shefman gets promotion

TORONTO —

Alan Shefman has been appointed national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, Phillip Leon, national chairman of the League has announced.

As national director his responsibilities will increase from those he had under his previous designation as national director of field services, the league chairman said.

"During these trying times for the Jewish community, Mr. Shefman has proven his abilities and has served B'nai B'rith Canada and the Jewish community well," said Leon. "With his new appointment, he will continue to make his contribution. We wish him continued success."

B'nai B'rith president Harry Bick, announced that Frank Dimant's portfolio as executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada has been increased. Dimant, who held the title of national director of the league, has been appointed its executive vice-president and chief executive officer.

Accuses oppressive, racist regimes

Dinitz: Hypocrites try to link Israel, apartheid

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA — Attempts to link Israel with the apartheid policy of South Africa are often made by countries who have ties with South Africa or practice racism themselves, Knesset member Simcha Dinitz told the Interparliamentary Union conference here.

"Any attempt to link Israel with the apartheid policy of South Africa is not only a gross violation of the truth but a cynical attempt to cast baseless accusations against Israel by those who often trade and cooperate with South Africa and exercise oppressive regimes in their own countries," Dinitz, the former Israeli ambassador to the United States, told a plenary session of the conference.

Dinitz said Israel has denounced apartheid for decades and once again has called for an end to this racist system in South Africa.

"A policy based on racial discrimination is abhorrent to us as human beings, as Jews and as Israelis. Such a policy can only lead to instability, bloodshed and suffering of innocent people. Only a government based on equality and human dignity can guarantee peace."

Another Knesset member at the conference, Meir Cohen-Avidov, said accusations of Israel having extensive trade relations with South Africa are not borne out by the facts. Quoting from an International Monetary Fund publication, he said only one-half of one percent of the exports of South Africa are to Israel and three-quarters of one percent of its imports are from Israel.

In fact, he pointed out, the Arab countries — which raised the issue of Israel-South Africa links at the conference — export a billion dollars worth of oil a year to South Africa. The Arab states import from South Africa gold, diamonds and other commodities.

"Israel is not simply an observer who merely sympathizes with the victims of racism, oppression and colonized people, our abhorrence of racism and colonization is rooted in the social norms which comprise an integral part of Jewish teachings and tradition," said Cohen-Avidov, a Herut Party member and deputy speaker of the Knesset. The third MK at the conference was Haim Ramon.

Decolonization, as well as youth and the international debt, was a theme of the week-long conference, which brought together nearly 1,000 delegates. Among the observers were members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, including Khalid Hassan, whom Dinitz described as a close advisor of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Founded in 1899 with headquarters in Geneva, the Interparliamentary Union is the oldest international political body in the world. Members of parliaments, including those of non-democratic nations, meet twice a year in different locations to discuss world issues and common concerns.

Despite the presence of the PLO, Cohen-Avidov and Dinitz described this conference as one of the least difficult for Israel. Delegates from the Arab states, led by Syria, tried to introduce Israel's alleged colonization of the Middle East as a supplementary topic on the agenda, but failed to get the two thirds majority required.

The Arab states did condemn Israeli policy in committee sessions of the conference as often as they could, but the Israeli MKs were pleased with the way conference chairman Benno Friesen, a Progressive Conservative MP from British Columbia, maintained order.

Cohen-Avidov said this conference was in marked contrast to the other Interparliamentary Union conferences he has attended since 1981.

"This conference dealt with the world's problems. In the past, 80% of the debates at Interparliamentary Union meetings have been on one thing: the scapegoat Israel. This is quite an achievement."

Israel Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin denied that the Israel embassy had made an formal or informal protest against the PLO observers, listed as representatives of the Palestine National Council. The PLO has been present at Interparliamentary Union meetings in the past, he said.

"Compares apples with oranges"

Expert raps Keegstra claim

Hatemonger says Dachau didn't change his views

(CP and staff)

EDMONTON — Convicted hatemonger Jim Keegstra says a tour of a Second World War German concentration camp has not changed his mind about the Holocaust and he still doesn't believe six million Jews were slaughtered by the Nazis.

But an expert on Nazi Germany said Keegstra's comments that Dachau was not a mass extermination camp "compared apples with oranges" since death camps at which millions of Jews were murdered were located outside Germany.

Although Keegstra was correct in saying Dachau was not a death camp, "that cuts no ice because the extermination camps were located outside Germany," said Leonidas Hill, a history professor at the University of British Columbia.

Hill commented that while there were 31,000 executions at Dachau between 1933 and 1945, it was not one of the six extermination camps, all of which were located in Poland.

"The first people killed at one of the extermination camps, Auschwitz, were Soviet prisoners," Hill said. "But the largest number killed and cremated were Jews."

Earlier, Keegstra stated his tour of Dachau "confirmed what I already said, that it's not a mass extermination centre."

Plaques at the Dachau camp show that the original estimate of the number of people gassed to death at the camp has been reduced from 300,000 to 30,000, he said recently after returning to his home in Eckville, Alta.

There were five crematoria which could not be hooked up to a chimney and only two that were used and hooked up to a chimney, he said.

"The whole thing was built on deception," said the former social studies teacher convicted of promoting hatred against Jews.

During his marathon trial in Red Deer from April to July, Keegstra admitted he taught students that the Holocaust was a hoax and that Jews were behind both World Wars and other calamatous world events.

Keegstra, his wife Lorraine, and lawyer Doug Christie of Victoria, toured the concentration camp at Dachau during a trip to Germany beginning Aug. 23.

In addition to defending Keegstra, Christie also represented falsifier Ernst Zundel, who was convicted in Toronto of publishing lies about the Holocaust when he claimed it was a hoax.

Keegstra said they encountered no trouble from West German officials over his visit, although he had heard his tour was mentioned in the German parliament.

"We were not there for politicizing, but strictly for a private visit," Keegstra said.

West German law makes it an offence to deny the Holocaust.

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: If a man has no intention to sin, and no desire to sin. But, he is not free to do what he wants. Others force him to do their will and to commit sins. Has he sinned? Does he need to carry out acts of penance and repentance?

In Deuteronomy, Chapter 22:25-26 we find this ruling: "But if the man find the damsel that is betrothed in the field, and the man take hold of her and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die. But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death. . . ." Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. correctly states that "where there is compulsion, **force majeure**, there is no sin, or any of the legal consequences of sin."

Rabbi Burak

Still, there is considerable discussion by the sages of the medieval period, whether a sin, committed unwittingly, leaves a stain on the person, or not. The concensus is that it depends on just how grievous an act was committed.

You will recall that there are some sins for which no punishment is given. There are others that are punishable by flagellation, and more serious infractions that are punishable by death. And then there are those punishable by karres. Punishments are given only for deliberate acts.

No punishment

The unintentioned violations of an **issur karres** calls for the bringing of a sin offering. But, where flagellation is given for a deliberate infraction, there is no punishment given if there was a lack of knowledge.

Why the difference? The answer is that a major sin is so serious a transgression that it leaves a stain on the doer, even when done without intention. The lesser sin, the one that call for flagellation, if done unintentionally leaves no stain. This forms a good thesis. Now comes the antithesis.

When a man beats his breast in penitence, beginning with the 'al chet of mincha erev Yom Kippur, he opens with the words: "For the sin wherein we sinned before Thee under compulsion or of freewill." Under compulsion? Did not Chief Rabbi Hertz tell us that there is no sin where you err under compulsion? Why then should one need to atone for having sinned under compulsion?

What Chief Rabbi Hertz said in his commentary is really a Talmudic principle as is seen in Tractate Kesubos 3B: ". . . there are chaste women who would rather surrender themselves to death (rather than allow themselves to be ravished). . . . But let one exound to them that in a case of constraint it is allowed?" Why then must one ask for forgiveness for sins "wherein we sinned under complusion?"

Ask forgiveness

One of the commentators on Siddur Hagra, the prayerbook of the Gaon Elijah Wilno z.l., was troubled by this prayer. The One Aryeh looks for and finds a solution. Say, if you are forced to eat some forbidden food. You may begin under constraint. But as you continue to chew, you begin to enjoy it. It's for that reason that we ask forgiveness from the Almighty.

But, the world of our fathers was filled with refined human beings who could not enjoy that which was prohibited. In a responsum printed in Lampronti's Pachad Yitzchak (Venice, 1749) volume 1, 36B column 1, mention is made of the sad story of a young maiden. Someone grabbed hold of her, hugged her and kissed her. She was so shamed by this that she turned sick and died. She felt stained even by that advance.

A man I knew in another city had an automobile accident. He was driving with the green light. A drunk driver, in a rattletrap went through the red light, smashed into the other car, and got killed. This so disturbed the innocent man — the thought that he had been a party to the killing of a drunk — that he committed suicide. He felt stained.

But, the Almighty would have forgiven him, had he asked for forgiveness.

Literature and history recounted

Canada's Jews in encyclopedia

By
RON CSILLAG

Jews and Jewish literature in Canada have merited a respectable two pages in the recently published Canadian Encyclopedia.

With some articles in the 3-volume encylopedia just a few inches long, the entries on Jewish Writing and Jews together take up five whole columns and about 3,000 words in volume 2.

A project of Edmonton publisher Mel Hurtig, the Canadian Encyclopedia has already sold almost all of its maiden press run of 152,000 sets at $175 each. A second printing and a fourth volume are in the works.

The books were five years in the planning and writing stages and contain 3 million words of Canadian knowledge on 2,112 high-quality pages. In all, there are 8,000 articles and 3,000 biographies of prominent Canadians, past and present.

The article on Jewish writing in Canada, written by Adam Fuerstenberg, an English professor at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, discusses at length Jewish writers who plied their craft in Yiddish just after World War I, when waves of Jewish immigrants came to Canada.

But a Yiddish reading public existed in Canada as early as 1901, when there were 17,000 Jews in Canada, the article states. By 1931, there were 156,000 Jews, concentrated mainly in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg, of whom 95% claimed Yiddish as a mother tongue.

Between 1930 and 1945, Yiddish reached its peak, with the language being used in three daily newspapers and a number of journals.

During the following decade, Yiddish was bolstered by the influx of Holocaust survivors such as Melech Ravitch (1893-1976) and Rochl Korn (1893-1982), the entry says.

Other Yiddish writers meriting mention are J.J. Segal, Ida Maze, (pseudnym for Ida Massey) and Sholom Shtern. These writers and others helped put Montreal on the map as a centre for Yiddish.

The article says "the most distinctly Canadian" Yiddish writer from this period was Sholom Shtern, whose 2-volume epic In Kanada (1960 and 1963) describes the experience of the Jewish immigrant in Canada.

Fuerstenberg acknowledges the "heavily Marxist" content of the poems of some "Toronto native" writers like Abraham Nisnevitch and Yehuda Zik.

Of course, the mainstays of Canadian Jewish literature, Mordecai Richler, A.M. Klein, Leonard Cohen and Irving Layton, are also discussed at length.

Lesser known writers like Eli Mandel, Phyllis Gotlieb and Matt Cohen are also given consideration.

According to the entry, the "radicalism" of modern playwrights like Rick Salutin and Janis Rapoport "are actually in the tradition of Yiddish socialist writing."

Iraqi-born Naim Kattan is lauded as the best known Jewish writer in French Canada.

As for the article on Jews, author Joseph Kage, the former national executive director of Jewish Immigration Aid Services, begins with a look at Canada's first Jewish settlers, who arrived in Montreal with General Amherst in 1760. Aaron Philip Hart, regarded as the first Jew to settle in Canada, lived in Trois Rivieres. His descendants were the first Jews to hold public office in Canada. The 1831 census recorded 107 Jewish residents in Upper and Lower Canada, Kage writes. The history of Jews in Canada is traced to the present.

The article is broken down into subsections under headings of economic life; religion, social and cultural life; education; politics and group maintenance.

The 1981 census showed there are 300,000 Jews in Canada, with the largest number (131,320) in Ontario and the smallest (80) on Prince Edward Island and in the Yukon and Northwest Territories combined.

Canada was 25 years ahead of Britain in granting its Jews full civil and political rights. This came about when Ezekiel Hart, son of Aaron Hart, was elected to the legislature of Lower Canada in 1807 but couldn't assume his seat because he refused to take a Christian oath. That condition, recounts Kage, was repealed in 1832.

Prominent Jews in Canada, says the entry, include the late Chief Justice of Canada's Supreme Court, Bora Laskin; comedians Wayne and Shuster; author Peter C. Newman; symphony conductor Alexander Brott and former NDP leader David Lewis.

Kage contends that although formal religious identification with the synagogue has declined in Canada, it has been replaced by identificiation with Israel.

Speaker describes Nairobi conference:

"The worst experience..."

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

"Attending the United Nations Decade for Women Conference in Nairobi was by far the worst experience I will ever live through," said Freda Keet of Radio Israel, Kol Israel, who officially launched Hadassah-WIZO month nationwide in Kingston, Ont., earlier this month.

As a guest of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Keet, who was born and educated in Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe, and made aliya in 1962, declared recently before 300 members of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO at Temple Sinai:

"As the press liaison representative for the Israeli delegation in Nairobi, I never smiled for three weeks. Each day we were in a 24-hour battlefield. We were confronted by spewing animosity, hatred and lies by PLO-charged women, and I was physically afraid. By the third day I took off my Israeli button . . .

"There is no sisterhood of women — only the sisterhood of Jewish women," noted Keet, who found support among the Canadian delegation of 20, of whom seven represented Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. The Americans were also greatly supportive of Israel.

In an emotionally-charged address, Keet, who works for the Institute of Leadership Development of the Jewish Agency, and is scholar-in-residence for a group of professors of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, expounded:

"We can choose to keep marching down the highway of history, or we can choose to make the Jewish march trickle away and dry up like a fossil in the sands of the desert.

"We prayed too hard for Israel — how dare we lose sight of the miracle of Israel? Out of the ovens of Europe we stood 10 feet tall and we created a state. We survived because we had Israel to live for. Israel gave the Jewish people life."

She said Israelis are carrying a superhuman burden 20 times their share, with one hand always on the sword.

"They are stretched to their limit. They haven't seen a day of peace for 37 years. Israel has had five Vietnams in 37 years; the U.S. has barely overcome the trauma of one Vietnam.

"I will never forgive the world for making Israel squander her skills, money and resources on useless wars when we could be one of the greatest societies in the world," Keet said.

Speaking of the many Canadian Hadassah-WIZO supports for underprivileged women and children in Israel, Keet praised the efforts made by the organization's membership.

"You bring brilliant colors to the blackness that exists in Israel. Your daycare centres, nursing and medical facilities, schools and Ethiopian absorption centre in Hofim-Acco are jewels, and a reflection of what Israel can become," she said.

She said Israel faces an economic crisis and its citizens will have to make sacrifices as never before.

"Without your color, Israel has no flesh on her bare bones. We need your colors to build a new Mount Sinai," she added.

Also participating in the proceedings were Cecily Peters, national president, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO; Mirial Small, immediate past national president; Myrtle Coopersmith, Toronto president; Patricia Alpert, immediate past president, Toronto, and Taube Zeifman, vice-president, Toronto.

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Commonwealth Jewish Council Conference

Dick Gregory steals show at Ottawa meeting

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

Ironically, it was a Black American comedian, Dick Gregory, who stole the show at last week's Commonwealth Jewish Council Conference.

Gregory recently became a sponsor of the Commonwealth Jewish Trust which funds the activities of the London-based council and it has "adopted" him. His donation puts Gregory in the same ranks as some of world Jewry's most prominent members — Edward and Edgar Bronfman, Leopold deRothschild and Lord (Marcus) Sieff of Brimpton being among the other names on the sponsors' list.

At the conference, Gregory made another donation, a total of $10,000 to be divided between projects to restore the over 300-year-old synagogue in Bridgetown, Barbados, and another synagogue in India.

Gregory held the 40 delegates from 19 Commonwealth countries "spellbound for an hour-and-a-half. Nobody moved," said British member of Parliament Greville Janner, council president. "It was one of the most profoundly moving hours I have ever known."

Janner said he met Gregory at a demonstration at the former Dachau concentration camp where the two men were taking part in a demonstration last spring against President Ronald Reagan's visit to the Bitburg military cemetery. They became friends and Janner invited Gregory to London to learn more about the work of the council.

Gregory told The Canadian Jewish News he was impressed with the council's support of human rights issues, in which Jews and Blacks share a common concern.

At another session of the conference, Gregory told delegates that much of the anti-semitism in the world is rooted in ignorance. Gregory, a Baptist, said he "never knew that 'Jew' was not a race until I was a full-grown man."

Although there have been many books written about Jews and Judaism, they are not read by the masses of people, he said. "The crazy things are happening all over the world because most folks don't know who you are."

He said he is considering writing a book about Jews that will reach the "less sophisticated" in a language they will understand. Zionism, he said, scares people. "They think it is a new kind of mafia . . . they think you're out to get them."

Gregory urged Jews to take the time to explain their history to non-Jews.

Gregory was on hand at a press conference of the council where a resolution condemning apartheid was released. The resolution, moved by Muriel Rosin of Zimbabwe, stated: "The Jewish prophetic vision which laid the foundation of civilized relations between all peoples impels us to condemn all forms of discrimination by race, color, creed or religion."

It congratulates the South African Jewish Board of Deputies for its resolution rejecting apartheid, which Janner described as a courageous move, and the council called for "all races in South Africa (to) enter into negotiations leading to a peaceful solution to its problems."

Greeting Prime Minister Brian Mulroney are, from left, Maxwell Cohen, Dorothy Reitman and Milton Harris. In background, is Greville Janner. [Howard Kay photo]

Janner, noting that half of the countries represented by the council are Black, said Jewish people have "suffered so grievously from racial persecution to countenance this evil in any form or against other people wherever they be."

Janner said the council had not taken a position on sanctions against South Africa because it was felt that such a stand would be beyond the scope of such a small organization representing small communities scattered around the world, and opinions among the membership vary.

He added that personally, as a member of the British Labor Party, he favored sanctions. Rosin, a member of the former Rhodesian parliament in the 1950s and 60s, said she too supported sanctions.

The Canadian Jewish Congress has not formally discussed the issue, said executive vice-president Alan Rose, but he believes the Canadian Jewish community would support gradual sanctions by the Canadian government.

The Ottawa conference, which was chaired by Edward Bronfman, was the second in the short history of the council since its founding in London at the end of 1982. The first international conference was held in Gibraltar in September of last year.

In addition to representatives of the large Jewish communities in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, the conference was attended by delegates from Malta, India, Zimbabwe, Zambia, New Zealand and several Caribbean islands. The nation of Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean east of Madagasgar, was represented by the sole Jew still living there, Isaac Birger.

The conference officially opened in Montreal with a reception at Canadian Jewish Congress' Samuel Bronfman House. An exhibition on the history of the Jewish communities in the Commonwealth was opened by Dollard MP Gerry Weiner. This exhibition will remain at Bronfman House until the end of September and then travel across Canada.

Winer, who is parliamentary secretary to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, said, "the Jewish community which has suffered so much persecution, must help the persecuted in South Africa."

The delegates later toured agencies of Allied Jewish Community Services.

The working sessions of the conference were held over two days in the West Block of the Parliament Buildings. A highlight was an appearance by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at a cocktail reception preceding a luncheon in the ballroom.

Mulroney circulated among the delegates, shaking hands and having his photo taken with them. In a few informal words, the Prime Minister praised the Jewish community's contribution to the enrichment of Canada and stressed that this is a country of tolerance committed to the protection of minority rights.

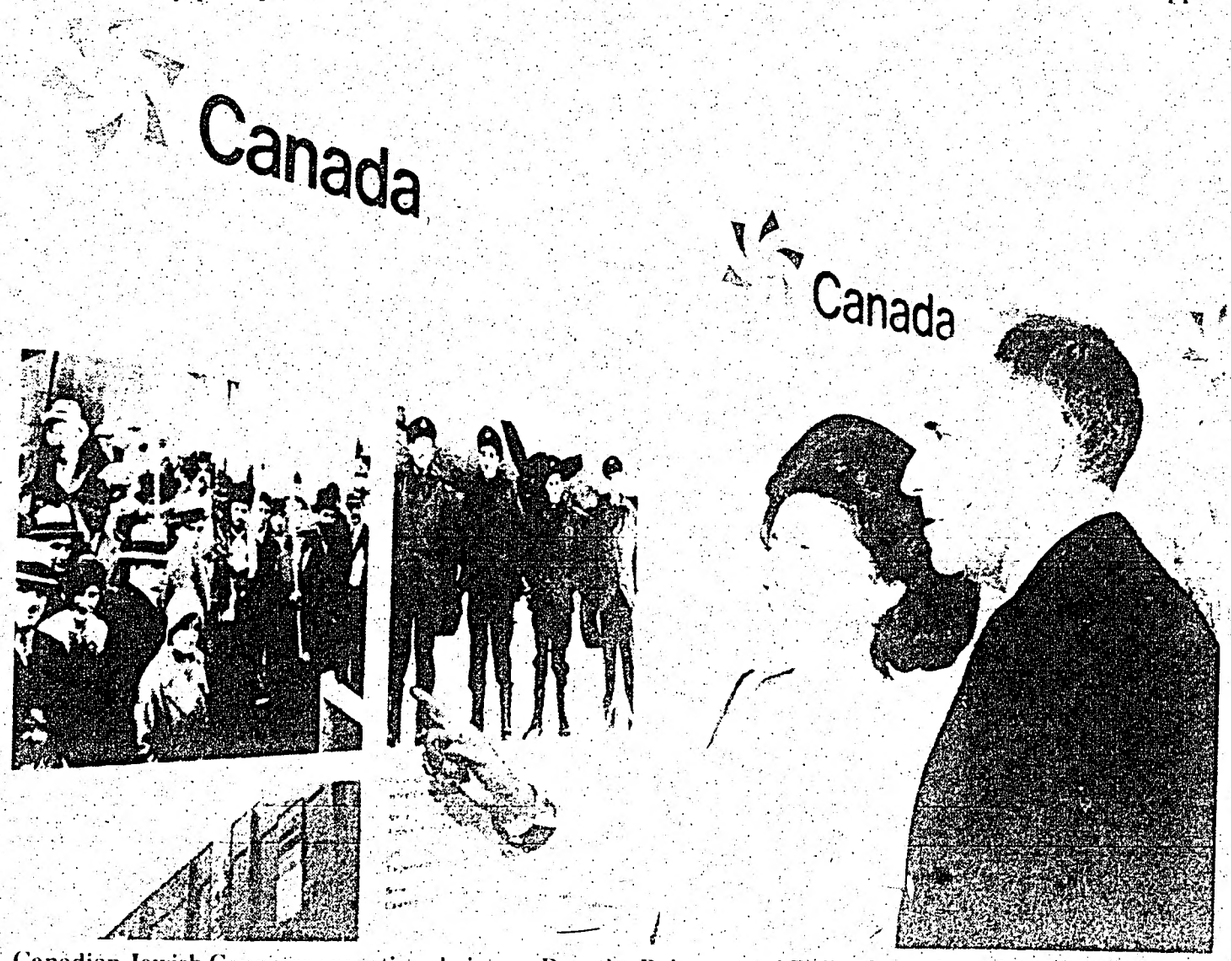
Opposition leader John Turner and New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent addressed another luncheon the day earlier. House of Commons Speaker John Bosley hosted a reception for the delegates in his dining room.

Several MPs, senators and high commissioners, including British High Commissioned Sir Derek Day, who brought greetings, appeared at the conference.

Janner, in an interview, said one of the most important reasons for the existence of the Commonwealth Jewish Council is the access it gives Jews to political leaders. In the past year, Janner has personally held meetings in almost a dozen countries with leaders "at the high level," including Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

In Ottawa, delegates had a chance to air their particular concerns and those common to Jews everywhere, such as Jewish identity. The council provides Jews in isolated communities with a link to world Jewry and offers what assistance it can to help them preserve their religious and cultural heritage. Jewish communities in 26 countries are members of the organization.

Commonwealth Jewish Council conference chairman Edward Bronfman (right) gives Greville Janner and his wife Mira the book A Day in the Life of Canada. [Howard Kay photo]



Canadian Jewish Congress executive chairman Dorothy Reitman and Dollard member of Parliament Gerry Weiner view the Canadian panel in an exhibition on Jewish communities of the Commonwealth at the CJC Samuel Bronfman House in Montreal. [Howard Kay photo]

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World-National

Aftermath of soldier's death

IDF takes preventive measures in tense Hebron

HEBRON (JTA) — Business activity slowly resumed in the casba last week. The curfew, imposed 15 days ago, after the fatal stabbing of Israeli reserve soldier Avraham Sorek, was lifted.

Vendors set up their stalls and the narrow streets gradually filled with customers and browsers. But an air of nervous tension still hangs over the old marketplace in the troubled West Bank town.

The Israel Defence Force is very much in evidence. Soldiers clad in olive drab carrying automatic weapons conveyed a clear message: life will return to normal but would-be terrorists will be swiftly dealt with.

Under orders to take preventive measures the IDF is spot-checking civilians, especially young men. Periodically, throughout the day soliders stopped youths, who assumed the universal position of suspects arms outstretched hands braced against a wall — while they are searched for concealed weapons and their identity papers inspected.

Meanwhile, Jewish settlers are following an agenda of their own to force the authorities to take much harsher measures than heretofore to curb terrorist activity in the territory. Their leaders have admitted, at a press conference in Jerusalem, they will have to switch from paramilitary tactics to more political activism.

Warned by the government and the IDF that vigilantism will not be tolerated, they have more or less abandoned their armed patrols in Arab towns which they frankly admitted were intended to intimidate the Arab populace. But they are trying to recover a 2-storey flat in the Hebron casba from which they were evicted last month.

It was while standing guard over the vacant flat that Sorek was stabbed to death on Sept. 3 and another soldier, Arye Bonstein, was seriously wounded. The guard has since been removed but IDF patrols regularly pass the locked premises. The Arab who reportedly sold the flat, Mohammed Yunes, has petitioned Defence Minsister Yitzhak Rabin to reoccupy it on grounds that his deal with the settlers has been declared illegal.

The settlers, who fear the army might take permanent possession, want it back in civilian hands. That would improve chances of reinstating the sale in the future. The flat has no particular value. But for settlers it represents an expansion of the Jewish presence in the heart of the Arab quarter.

They are also trying to persuade the authorities to remove the walls erected by the army after the stabbing to prevent Jewish militants from entering the casba. According to Rabbi Moshe Levinger, leader of the Hebron militants, the wall creates a "ghetto-like" situation. Attempts by Jews last week to breach the walls by force were thwarted by soldiers.

In another development, the Supreme Court rejected the appeals by 11 Arabs against deportation from the territory. The 11 are among the several hundred convicted terrorists released from prison last May and permitted to return to their homes. They are suspected to have renewed terrorist activity and are expected to be deported in the next few days.

Jerusalem frees last of Shiites

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel released 119 Lebanese Shiites from the Atlit detention camp last week, the last of more than 1,000 security detainees captured during the final stages of the withdrawal from Lebanon last spring.

The freed men, some members of the extremist Hezbollah (Army of God) Shiite movement, boarded buses for the border checkpoint at Rosh Hanikra where they were transferred to the Red Cross for return to their homes in Lebanon.

Israel has now freed 1,032 prisoners who were originally held in the Ansar camp in South Lebanon. They were transferred to Atlit, near Haifa, when Ansar was closed shortly before the last Israeli soldiers left Lebanon early in June.

Israel stated at the outset it intended to release them in stages, depending on the security situation on south Lebanon. The prisoners were freed over the summer at the rate of several hundred at a time.

Meet Hussein, Mubarak

AJC leaders see movement

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of prominent American Jews has come away from meetings last week in Amman and Cairo convinced of Jordan's and Egypt's urgent wish to broaden the peace process with Israel.

The American Jews, leaders of the American Jewish Congress, reported to Premier Shimon Peres in Jerusalem on their talks with King Hussein, President Hosni Mubarak, and their top aides.

One central theme which they heard repeatedly in the two Arab capitals, they said, was that sections of the PLO had indeed moderated their stance and the PLO should therefore "be put to the test" in a diplomatic process.

Prof. Henry Rosovsky of Harvard, one of the AJCongress groups, told reporters his private feeling was that Washington should set up talks between Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, on the clear understanding that the PLO would respond, within a set time, by explicity recognizing Israel and accepting the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242.

The AJCongress group had the clear impression that PLO Chief Yasser Arafat's failure to commit himself in advance to a significant move of this kind had thwarted the American effort last month to launch a U.S.-Jordanian/Palestinian dialogue.

The AJC mission has already triggered controversy in Israel, and is expected to do so in the U.S. Jewish community too. Israel Radio broadcast, without citing a source, that the AJCongress group had violated an undertaking given to the Prime Minister's office and to the foreign minister not to engage in Jordan in talks pertaining to Israel's security considerations.

The impression in Jerusalem, however, is that while the foreign ministry, under Deputy Premier and Likud Leader Yitzhak Shamir, was indeed opposed to the AJC's mission — and made its position clear through the embassy in Washington — the Prime Minister's office gave the mission at least a tacit nod.

Herzog grants clemency to jailed terrorist Jew

JERUSALEM (JTA) — **President Chaim Herzog has granted clemency to Uri Maier, a member of the Jewish terrorist underground in the West Bank, who was serving a 30-month sentence. He was immediately released from jail.**

Maier underwent spinal surgery recently and his medical condition was the primary factor in the decision to grant him clemency. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, on whose recommendation Herzog acted, made it clear that this case will not set a precedent nor does it indicate any change of policy toward the Jewish underground.

Maier is the first of the more than 20 member of the underground serving sentences for crimes of violence against Arabs in the West Bank to receive clemency. He was convicted for his role in the June, 1980 car-bomb attacks on three Arab mayors.

Maier, a '37-year-old resident of Kibbutz Golan at Ramat Magshimim in the West Bank, spoke briefly to reporters at the gates of Tel Mond prison. He said he had expressed regrets for his actions "and there is no more to say about that . . . the motives were clear and appear in the court's judgment." He maintained that the other underground members should also be reprieved by the President.

The President of Israel is the only official empowered to grant clemency or pardons in criminal cases. Supporters of the underground have long urged him to grant a blanket pardon to all convicted members. But Herzog has stated he will consider each application individually on its merits.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. KATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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KLAPPER — KLOPFER — KLAPP

Most surnames denote virtues that extol the ancestor. In the area of communication you find Singer (singer), Dichter (poet), Magid (preacher) and Sprachman (linguist).

A notable exception is the name Klapper and its variants. In German, Klapper is a gossip. Its derogatory implication probably explains the infrequent incidence of this surname, probably, because those who inherited it, were prone to shed or alter it.

Surnames became mandatory in 1785 by a decree of Emperor Joseph of Austria as part of his program of emancipation. Choice was limited from an authorized list of German names with a prescribed tariff. The most expensive ones were those of flowers and precious metals, like Rosen and Gold. For those who failed to register in time, officials arbitrarily handed out contemptuous names like:

Ezelkopf — donkey's head
Stinker — malodorous
Trinker — drunkard
Fresser — glutton
Goldlust — lust for gold

GNP $22-23b.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's gross national product (GNP) is estimated between $22-23 billion and one quarter of it goes to defence and defence-related needs, according to Prof. Eitan Berglass, a leading economist in a report to a joint panel of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee and finance committee.

Berglass noted that Israel pays to the United States each year about $1 billion in interest and principal on military assistance loans.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Akiva Ben Joseph was imprisoned by the Roman authorities in Judea on Tirshrei 5 (Sept. 20 this year) for openly teaching Torah after their brutal suppression of the Bar Kochba revolt in the year 135. The remarkable career of the foremost post-Temple scholar and religious leader, rather than being suppressed, took yet another turn toward sainthood.

Akiva's story begins where others generally end: A 40-year-old illiterate rough and ready shepherd married his employer's daughter, Rachel, after strong opposition from her father, Bar Kalba Savua. Her consent was conditional on the groom's abandoning his work and learning Torah. Cut off by her irate father, one of the wealthiest men in Jerusalem, she endured poverty and self-denial for his education.

Legends of his early career abound. Akiva is said to have taken his first seat in the back of a cheder-like room to learn the alef-bet with the rest of the young children in the class. Rachel sold her hair for food.

Happy to wait

When he was on his way back after an absence of 12 years, accompanied by some 12,000 students and disciples, and overheard her telling a neighbor that she would be happy to wait another 12 years if he would double his learning during that time, he promptly turned and left without telling her who he was, and returned 12 years later.

Akiva studied for a number of years in the academies of Yavneh, then the sole Torah centre permitted by the Romans in the land of Israel after their destruction of the second Temple in the year 70. His teachers included leading sages Eliezer Ben Hyrcanus, Yehoshua Ben Chananiah, and Nahum of Gimzo.

They, their predecessors and their heirs, engaged in the 225-year task of writing down and editing the Mishna — the code of Oral Law said to have been revealed by God to Moses on Mount Sinai to supplement and explain the written Torah. After smicha, ordination Akiva opened his own academy in Bnei Brak, his scholarship and wisdom acknowledged by his contemporaries.

Akiva made numerous fund raising trips on behalf of the poor, and stressed modesty and humility. He pressed for the inclusion of the Song of Songs in the official Bible, interpreting its essentially romantic and erotic nature as a mystical metaphor for the love between God and the Jewish people.

He reconciled his leading contemporaries when their views conflicted. He led a delegation to Rome in an effort to rescind anti-Jewish decrees. Until the Bar Kochba revolt, Akiva was for many years on good terms with the Roman governor in Judea, Rufus, whose wife Rufina eventually converted to Judaism.

Akiva stressed the primacy of Torah study for every Jew. In his own commentaries, he maintained that every apparent redundancy, variation in spelling, innocuous article and even scribel embellishment in the written Torah contained exegetic, halachic and mystical significance. He systematized, codified, and in many cases, explained a vast body of halacha. Akiva's teachings molded the content and form of the Mishna in its final redaction by Judah HaNasi in the third century.

Backed revolt

Already in his 80s, Akiva threw his tremendous prestige and authority behind the Bar Kochba revolt, seeing its charismatic leader as the messiah long-awaited to throw off the Roman yoke. some three years and hundreds of thousands of lives later, Roman rule prevailed and was intensified.

New strictures included a ban, under penatly of death, on all Torah study and teaching. When Akiva was criticized for continuing, he replied, in effect, that without Torah a Jew is as good as dead anyway.

Arrested during the Hadrianic persecutions along with other sages, Akiva managed to keep teaching, through visitors and a network of disseminators. His torture, which included the raking of his flesh with iron combs, and death are described in the Yom Kippur musaf service. He accepted his fate as an opportunity to demonstrate his love for God with literally his heart and his soul.

Broadening scope of diplomacy

Japan slowly warming to Israel

By JIM HERSHBERG

TOKYO —

Despite a decade-old dependence on Arab oil, Japan is cautiously warming up its ties with Israel as part of an effort to take a more active political role in the Middle East, Japanese and Israeli diplomats say.

"We are testing the waters," said Kunisada Kume, deputy director-general of the Japanese foreign ministry's Bureau of Middle Eastern and African Affairs. "We are trying to upgrade our relations with Israel in order to broaden the scope of our diplomacy toward the Middle East."

Both Japanese and Israeli officials link a recent flurry of exchanges — and plans for the first-ever visit by an Israeli foreign minister to Japan sometime later this year — to what they describe as a more balanced economic relationship between Japan and the Arab world.

While Japan still imports nearly 70% of its oil from the Persian Gulf — mostly Saudi Arabia and Iran — that is a 10% drop from the period following the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, when an Arab oil embargo sent prices skyrocketing.

The oil weapon has been blunted in recent years by a glut on the market, and in Japan's case, by the emergence of a Japanese economic counterweight that has made its trade ties with the Arab world a 2-way street.

"Japan's vulnerability vis-a-vis Arab countries has diminished compared to 10 years ago," said Kume in a recent interview. "Now our relationship is based on interdependence. They need Japan as a buyer of oil, as a major supplier of goods, construction help, development assistance and so on. This has given us greater maneuverability."

For this reason, Israeli diplomats in Tokyo have argued that Japan, which chilled but did not break diplomatic relations with Israel after 1973, need not fear Arab retaliation if it becomes friendlier with Israel. And, they say, in the past year or two there are a number of signs that Japan is willing to test that theory. They include:

- Subsequent "working" visits — one rank lower than an "official visit" — by Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo and, in May 1985, Communications Minister Amnon Rubenstein. Japanese foreign ministry aides have also scheduled trips to Israel.
- A delegation of Japanese industrialists visited Israel this spring to investigate high-technology and investment opportunies.
- After demurring on previous occasions, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in April organized a seminar on Israeli high-technology attended by 200 Japanese businessmen.
- The first joint venture production between Israeli and Japanese firms was agreed on in June.
- In July, members of the Japanese Diet and Israeli Knesset established a parliamentary friendship league, a move Israeli diplomats took as a green light from Japanese legislators to the powerful civil service bureaucracy to progress toward closer ties with Israel.
- Japanese and Israeli officials confirm that there is an agreement in principle on an exchange in visits by the foreign ministers of each country. Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was in Japan recently (CJN Sept. 12) and if it's agreed that the visit went well, Japan's foreign minister will pay a return call on Israel.

A tit-for-tat exchange of foreign minister visits would be the most tangible indication yet of a new phase in Japanese-Israeli ties, but officials say the once-strained atmosphere between the two countries has already improved dramatically.

"There has been a change which one can notice very vividly, since the oil market has changed, since there has been less cash in the hands of the Arabs, since Japan has found it should not only act as an economic power but also as a power in the international field," commented an Israeli official in Tokyo. "With all our lack of assets here, relations are fairly good," the official added, noting the absence of a substantial Jewish community in Japan that could speak up for Israel and Japan's strong economic connections to the Arab world.

Still, officials predict any evolution in Japanese policy toward Israel will be gradual rather than dramatic, and Israel concedes that there are few hopeful signs in the area where it most needs help these days: the economy.

Most Japanese firms adhere to the Arab boycott imposed since 1973, and Israel is skeptical of Tokyo's claims that the government has no say in the policies of private companies. As a result, Japanese exports to Israel have remained low — about $60 million in 1984 compared to $220 million of Israeli exports, primarily diamonds, to Japan.

Also disquieting to Israel is Japan's stand — reiterated by the foreign minister during a July Middle East tour that included talks with Syrian and Saudi leaders and PLO chief Yasser Arafat — in favor of a United Nations peace conference to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute with direct PLO participation. Jerusalem opposes both ideas.

But Japanese officials point out that any heightening of Tokyo's Middle East role would of necessity involve a closer relationship with Israel.

Since emerging from the American occupation after World War II, the Japanese government has tread gingerly in international politics, and relied on Washington's nuclear umbrella for protection. The upswing in diplomatic activity in the Middle East is widely seen as reflecting Japanese desires to begin placing a global political role commensurate with its economic status.

A Tokyo-Jerusalem rapprochement would fit into Israel's diplomatic game plan as well. Recent years have seen a subtle shift in Israeli diplomacy from Black Africa to the Far East in efforts to recoup ground lost after the 1973 war and as a result of international public opinion setbacks because of ther 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

Most recently, Israel has appointed a full-time consul to Hong Kong — in part, it is widely believed, to facilitate under-the-table trade with China — and an Israeli diplomat confirms that Jerusalem is attaching a "greater urgency" to relations with Japan and the newly-industrializing countries of the Pacific basin.

Ethiopian Jews make progress

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Some 700 Ethiopian Jewish families have now begun to enter the second stage of their absorption process in Israel and will by February be in permanent housing accommodations outside the absorption centres, according to a senior Israeli official involved in Ethopian absorption.

The official described this development as of substantial significance, inasmuch as "most of the families are still in absorption centres" since having arrived in Israel after fleeing their homes in Ethiopia in past years. More than 2,000 families remain in at least 30 absorption centres used exclusively for newly arrived Ethiopian Jews.

"Perhaps the best proof that Ethiopians are being well absorbed in Israel is that they already know where they want to go and where they want to live," said Chaim Aron, head of the immigration and absorption department of the Jewish Agency and the WZO.

Aron spoke with reporters during a breakfast briefing on recent developments in the Ethiopian Jewry absorption process sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Aliya Center of North America. Aron is in the United States, having attended the just concluded 2 day meeting in Washington of the International Council of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The second stage of the absorption process includes moving to permanent housing, which is expected to be located in areas around central cities such as Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

The first stage includes "ground and up care" for arriving immigrants such as training in skills, languages, medical care and the establishment of household possessions. There are also 2,000 Ethiopian teenagers living in Youth Aliya villages located across Israel.

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Editorial

The holiest day

Yom Kippur is the Jewish holiday which is most universally observed. Jews from all walks of life and from all denominational expressions join in the fasting and prayers which are characteristic of the holiest day in the Jewish religious calendar.

The appeal of Yom Kippur is understandable. The emphasis on sin and repentance, the key notes of the observance, speaks to the heart and mind of every Jew. The idea that one can make atonement for one's failings, providing that there is sincerity in the quest, is a powerful impetus for participation in this annual rite.

Yom Kippur has a humanizing effect on the individual worshiper. As part of the House of Israel he spends more than a day divulging his innermost thoughts, revealing his faults, errors and misdeeds. He finds that repentance is a salutary exercise.

There is a beautiful midrash which states that G-d modeled the world like an architect. The structure would not stand properly, however, until he created repentance. The ability to confess one's sins, ask forgiveness and resolve to correct one's habits of mind and practice — these are seen to be part of the divine architecture.

The tradition informs us that while Yom Kippur brings pardon for sins between man and his Maker, it cannot automatically heal the wounds inflicted by man or woman against other people. Only individual acts of contrition towards the victims can bring forgiveness.

As he follows the Biblical ordinance to "afflict our souls" — that is, to fast on Yom Kippur, the Jew recognizes the fragility of the human enterprise and the tendency of the individual to sink into sin.

Repentance, worship and the performance of good deeds, the liturgy tells us, "will help avoid the evil decree."

The message of Yom Kippur is that the possibility of "teshuvah," of return and repentance is always available to the sincere.

A comforting message.

Inauspicious start

It is more in sadness than anger that we record what everyone hoped would be a happy event which took place recently in Cracow, Poland, where 13-year-old Eric Strom from Stamford, Conn. celebrated his bar mitzvah (CJN Aug. 29).

What was to have been a proud reassertion of Jewish life in a country where more Jews lie buried under the ground than can be found on top of it, turned into a tense transplantation of intra-Jewish rivalries from North America.

Strom's ceremony was originally to have taken place in the Remu synagogue, Cracow's oldest. Because Strom's tutor is Rabbi Emily Korzenick, a woman trained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Seminary, a coalition of U.S. Orthodox spokesmen, including Rav Moshe Feinstein, intervened.

"In New York, the Rabbinical Council of America," reported the New York Times on Sept. 8, "issued a news release saying that 'it would be a betrayal of Jewish history if the Jews of Cracow allowed a Reform or Conservative rabbi to officiate in the Orthodox Remu Synagogue, Cracow's oldest one.' "

Strom's bar mitzvah finally took place at Cracow's Tempel synagogue. The young boy is reported to have read his Torah and Haftorah portions beautifully, maintaining his composure despite the tension actuated by religious differences over the role played by Rabbi Korzenick.

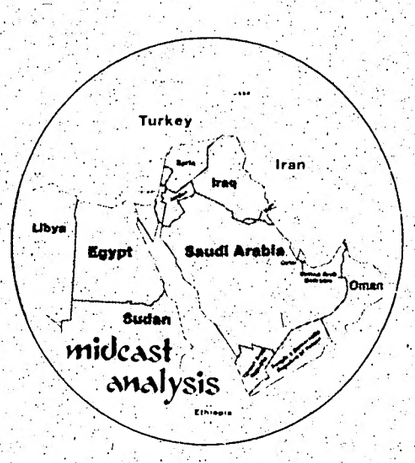
The Times reports that when the latter came down from the women's gallery to stand beside her pupil and deliver a devar Torah, the prayer shawl she was about to don was pulled off her shoulders by Rabbi Nachum Elbaum, an Orthodox rabbi who had flown to Cracow with an Orthodox cantor to ensure that all traditions would be observed.

Rabbi Elbaum is also reported to have attempted to stop Rabbi Korzenick from speaking by arguing that "ladies cannot speak in synagogue."

The resuscitation of Jewish life in Cracow has had an inauspicious start. We hope that the controversy which marred Eric Strom's important milestone will not be repeated.

Balancing act becomes paralyzing

U.S. diplomacy hits impasse



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Talks designed to get the sluggish Middle Eastern peace process moving vigorously forward have hit another snag.

Richard Murphy, the Reagan administration's top-ranking official dealing with the Middle East, returned recently from a fruitless 6-day mission to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Murphy, an assistant secretary of state, was unable to find a diplomatic formula which might have enabled Israel to begin negotiations with Jordan and a Palestinian delegation.

He went to the Middle East in an attempt to reconcile the conflicting and seemingly irreconcilable positions held by Israel and the Arabs over the framework of future talks. Substantive issues, which are complex enough, were not even on Murphy's agenda. Such is the dismal situation that the parties to the Arab-Israeli dispute cannot even agree on simple modalities to inititate discussions.

Murphy's failure was not his first this year. Last April, he spent two weeks in the region without accomplishing anything. His boss, Secretary of State George Shultz, has not had much luck either. Shultz was in the Middle East in May and he, too, met defeat.

In trying to cater to the interests of Israel and Jordan, the U.S. is clearly in a quandary, since both are allies. The Reagan administration does not want to weaken Prime Minister Shimon Peres and alienate Israel, but neither does it wish to offend King Hussein and conservative Arab regimes. The balancing act being pursued by the U.S. is therefore politically perilous.

The obstacles facing America are indeed formidable.

In theory, Israel and Jordan are ready for immediate talks that could lead to a normalization of relations. What is essentially stopping the two from proceeding is the prickly Palestinian question, which is at the heart of the Arab-Israeli imbroglio.

Last February, Jordan and PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat signed an agreement calling for "a peaceful and just settlement" of the Middle East crisis. According to the Jordanian monarch, this was the first time the Palestinians had publicly agreed to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute through *peaceful means.*

This supposedly historic pact, which was welcomed by the U.S. but denounced by Israel, called for Israel's total withdrawal from the occupied territories and for a "comprehensive peace" based on United Nations resolutions. As well as advocating Palestinian self-determination within the context of a confederation with Jordan, the agreement envisaged peace negotiations under the auspices of an international conference in which the PLO would participate.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres confers with American diplomat Richard Murphy. The U.S. is having a hard time getting peace talks off the ground.

From Israel's point of view, the accord was deeply flawed. Not only were the Israelis being asked to relinquish every inch of the occupied areas. They were being asked to negotiate with the PLO, an organization whose national covenant calls for Israel's destruction. (In the Arab camp, radical countries like Syria attacked the accord, while Palestinians opposed to Arafat's leadership scorned it as well. The Arab League, at its August summit in Morocco, also did not endorse it.)

In involving themselves in the daunting task of breathing life into the February agreement, the Americans knew they were battling the odds. And they realized that King Hussein's proposal for preparatory talks between the U.S. and a joint delegation consisting of Jordanian and pro-PLO Palestinian representatives would not go down well in Jerusalem.

Murphy, who enjoys the confidence of Israel, Jordan and Egypt (which supports Jordan's policy), heard from the Israelis that such advance U.S.-Arab talks had been proposed solely to wring American recognition of the PLO.

Israel insisted that they be dropped in favor of direct Israeli negotiations with Jordan and Palestinians not affiliated with the PLO.

In Amman and Cairo, Murphy was told in no uncertain terms that the PLO could not be excluded and that the purpose of a preliminary U.S-Arab meeting was to establish the contours of a viable solution.

Not being able to bridge the enormous gap in their respective positions, Murphy achieved nothing. He disappointed the Arab side by failing to convene a U.S.-Arab meeting, having discovered that King Hussein could not guarantee that direct Arab-Israeli talks would follow, or that the PLO would extend unambiguous recognition to Israel. And he disappointed Israel by simply pursuing a diplomatic initiative with which it finds fault.

In the view of observers, this is not a propitious time for peace talks.

Israel's national unity government, which is anything but unified on fundamental political matters, is not in any position to take far-reaching decisions. While Prime Minister Peres and his Labor Party colleagues are prepared for territorial compromise, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud bloc are not.

Immobilization also haunts the Arabs. The PLO is fragmented and its various factions speak with discordant voices. There is great doubt that the PLO can, or will, recognize Israel in such conditions. For his part, King Hussein is not likely to move far without the backing of nations like Saudi Arabia or Iraq, which are decidedly cool to current diplomatic efforts aimed at breaking the impasse in the Middle East.

Under such circumstances, the Reagan administration must soon decide whether it can or should try to achieve a settlement which owns its framework to last February's Hussein-Arafat agreement.

Analysts generally agree it would not be in Washington's best interest to strive for a solution that appears unattainable at this juncture.

Until quite recently, the U.S. was content to let matters drift. After failing to interest any of the concerned parties in its 1982 peace plan and after being burned in Lebanon a year later, the White House withdrew temporarily from the peace process, such as it is.

Despite the difficulties now confronting them in the Middle East, the Americans will probably not give up the important diplomatic role they have played in the area since the 1967 Six Day War.

President Lyndon Johnson's administration worked in concert with Britain to hammer out UN resolution 242, the basis of all peace probes and/or talks for the past 18 years. President Richard Nixon's secretary of state, William Rogers, conceived a 1969 plan which would not "reflect (Israel's) weight of conquest." President Gerald Ford's Middle Eastern troubleshooter, Henry Kissinger, laid the groundwork for Israel's 1979 treaty with Egypt. President Jimmy Carter, almost single-handedly, coaxed the 1978 Camp David Accords into existence.

Although the Americans have been enormously influential in Middle East peacemaking, they have yet to come close to achieving a solution which would address all grievances.

Positions held by Israel and the Arabs seem so deep-seated and ultimately inflexible that much hope for the future cannot be entertained.

Present U.S. attempts to deal with the Palestinian issue through Israeli-Jordanian negotiations have shunted Israel's problem with Syria aside for the moment.

Israel and Syria, the strongest regional powers, have been in a state of war since Israel's creation. But Israel's occupation (and subsequent annexation) of the Golan Heights has exacerbated the tension.

Given the passions on each side, it does not seem possible that Israel and Syria can reach some kind of modus vivendi. Yet as long as Syria remains outside the peace process, Israel and Jordan will likely not solve the Palestinian question, over which Damascus has infinite leverage.

Richard Murphy and the Reagan administration will have to come to grips with the crucial Syrian dimension of the Arab-Israeli conflict sooner or later if any progress is to be made on the sputtering peace front. The U.S. may even have to reassess its position of whether it is wise to exclude the Soviet Union from any meaningful role in future peace talks.

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Brutally and refreshingly frank book

Sachar probes condition of Jewish "third world"

BY
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A traveler, if he so desires, can visit Jewish communities practically throughout the world. There is barely a place where Jews do *not* live. This reviewer has talked to Jews in such far-flung countries as Poland, Algeria, Argentina, Dominican Republic, South Africa, Syria and Greece, becoming aware of their particular customs and idiosyncracies.

The one and only country I have visited and not found Jews was Jordan, which, ironically, is part and parcel of the biblical Land of Israel.

Howard Sachar, an American historian who has written such solid works as The Course of Modern Jewish History and A History of Israel, has been an inveterate wanderer. In his new book, **Diaspora (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $40.50)**, Sachar investigates the condition of the Jewish "third world"— that is outside of Israel and North America.

It is, as a total package, exceedingly readable and educational. Sachar, unlike some academics, writes felicitously. And, like the competent professor he is, he has an excellent command of his material. Sachar, too, is not afraid to be brutally and refreshingly frank. In short, there hasn't been a book like this in many a moon.

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The Nazis, in exterminating six million European Jews, all but wiped out the shtetl culture, leaving behind bloodied corpses, burning buildings and swollen memories. The shtetl is as good as dead in the 1980s, but in the Flemish city of Antwerp one of the world's last shtetls survives in the Pelikanstraat district.

Sachar says it resembles Mea Sharim, the ultra-Orthodox quarter of Jerusalem, with its bearded men in traditional Chassidic beaver hats and black frock coats and its women in shawls and long sleeves.

Pelikanstraat, the hub of Antwerp's diamond industry, is mainly in the hands of Romanian and Hungarian Jewish brokers and dealers. On Jewish High Holidays, he writes, the diamond exchanges are empty and the banks doing business with them are closed.

Across the English Channel, in Britain, Sachar finds a middle-class Jewish community that is "largely uninterested in higher culture" and is "notoriously philistine."

This sounds like a sweeping generalization, until one is presented with three telling examples. In the early 1960s, Anthony Blonde, a young publisher, convinced himself that the Jewish community would be a rich market for titles of specific Jewish interest. He was wrong. Blonde lost money on all of them. In the 1970s, the Jewish Chroncile, the leading Anglo-Jewish publication, reduced its literary supplement to a quarterly, and now it appears just twice a year. Maurice Edelman, the novelist and MP, tried to establish a magazine like New York's Commentary, but he found no backers.

Turning his gaze to France, Sachar examines a community which has grown tremendously as a result of the massive influx of North African Jews in the 1950s and 1960s. Within two decades, France's Jewish population was more than doubled, so that France now has the fourth largest concentration of Jews in the globe.

The newcomers, he notes, have transformed the character of French Jewry. Judeo-Arabic has replaced Yiddish as the community's second language, and a major program of synagogue construction was launched for the first time in 60 years.

The North Africans today outnumber the "native" French Jews — approximately 15,000 of whom converted to Christianity after World War II, he claims.

Apostasy is nothing new for a people who've been persecuted and murdered from the dawn of Christianity. But nothing could prepare the Jews of Italy for the spiritual earthquake which rocked them on Feb. 15, 1945, when the Vatican announced that Israel Zolli, Rome's chief rabbi, had converted to Roman Catholicism. Zolli's mortified daughter tried to explain that, as a professor of philosophy at the University of Padua, her father had written many books on the affinity between Judaism and Christianity, and evidently had been carried away.

Like the Jewish converts in France in the wake of World War II, Zolli must have been broken by the trauma of the Holocaust. Zolli, in any event, took up a post teaching Jewish history at the Vatican's Lateran College.

His conversion hardly devastated Italian Jewry, Sachar suggests. As of 1983, not less than 60% of all Jewish children in Italy attended Jewish day schools — the highest proportion of any Jewish community in Europe, save for Belgium.

Strangely enough, however, the largest Jewish private school in the world, Mount Scopus College, is in Melbourne, Australia, he reveals.

Old Jewish cemetery in Prague.

Sachar looks for the bizarre, and pinpoints it in Finland, of all nations. During World War II, he says, a number of Finnish Jews fought on the side of German units against the Soviet Union, since their country was allied with Nazi Germany. The Germans may or may not have been aware of this anomaly, but they were certainly angry when the Finnish government refused to enforce anti-Jewish legislation it had been pressured to enact. It is worthwhile to note that not a single Finnish Jew was deported.

Today, Finland's tiny Jewish community of 2,000 is on the decline, having been depleted by a low birth rate and an intermarriage rate of over 50%.

Hungary's Jewish community, though devastated by the Holocaust and somewhat intimidated by the rise of Communism after 1945, is well represented in the political and cultural elite. He says that Hungarian Jews are "far more visible" in public and intellectual life than in any other Communist nation. Not too long ago, three Jews sat on the 13-member ruling politburo, and eight on the presidium. Within 10 years of the 1956 revolution, Jews occupied the highest positions, from deputy prime minister to president of the national bank.

The Jews of Czechoslovakia, formerly one of the most dynamic and accomplished, have not fared as well under Communism. What is mostly left, Sachar writes, are grand "tourist showpieces" like the Old-New Synagogue, the medieval cemetery and the well-preserved Jewish museum. Highly-placed Jews in the regime were more or less eliminated in 1952 with the trial of men like Rudolf Slansky, secretary-general of the Communist Party, and Bedrich Reicin, deputy minister of defence.

Accused of being part of a "Zionist conspiracy," they were simply victims of old-fashioned anti-semitism.

Sachar, in writing about once-flourishing communities, naturally seizes upon the Jews of Greece, Turkey and Iran.

Before the Holocaust, Greece was home to upwards of 60,000 Jews. Salonika, the jewel in the crown, was the centre of Greek — and indeed Sephardic — Jewry in Europe. The Nazis obliterated the community, and, in Sachar's apt words, Greek Jewry nowadays "is approaching the threshold of exotica."

Turkish Jews knew of splendid times in the distant past. But now, Sachar states, "they are a pale shadow" of their former selves. Jews in Iran never had it as good, but under the shah they did not do badly. With the fall of the monarchy in 1979, their situation deteriorated. Forty thousand have fled the ravages of Islamic fundamentalism, and 35,000 have remained behind to face a fanatical Moslem dictatorship marshaling much of its meagre resources to fight a war of attrition against Iraq, a police state which has mistreated its Jews.

Sometimes, in describing a particular Jewish community, Sachar is less than charitable. He cannot understand why Jews settled in backwaters like Paraguay, Bolivia and Ecuador. Although he admires their "endurance" in living in such odd corners, he admits that they puzzle him. As he puts it: "Yet, encountering these people, one instinctively recalls the prologue of Hemingway's tale, The Snows of Kilimanjaro. The cadaver of a leopard was discovered far up the slope of the great African mountain. There was admiration for the creature's tenacity in reaching this height. Even so, 'no one has explained what the leopard was seeking at that altitude.'"

Sachar, in exploring Argentina, the centre of Latin American Jewry, dredges up a slab of historical flotsam which Argentine Jews would likely like to forget — the Jewish white slavers who scandalized the community until the 1930s. Little has been written of this phenomenon, and Sachar devotes an appropriate amount of space to it.

In dealing with Soviet Jewry, he provides a reader with a good survey of their condition, past and present. No other Jewish community in his book is treated in such detail. By the time one has finished reading it, one has a much better understanding of their very complex — and even tragic — situation. The same can be said of nearly all the Jewish communities Sachar examines in Diaspora, a volume that is both illuminating and judiciously opinionated.

Will any be solved by Yom Kippur next year?

Israel faces 12 difficult problems

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

While we are in the mood for spiritual stock-taking at this time of year, it is appropriate for the Israeli to pause and ponder the special difficulties which will face his country during the coming 12 months. Following our annual Yom Kippur custom, we present our tabulation of the dozen major problems in what we consider the order of their significance at this time.

1. **The economic situation.** Inflation, unemployment, adverse trade balance and a marked recession are the hallmarks of a crisis which will require sacrifice and cooperation from every element in the country in order to restore economic equilibrium and mark resumption of growth and development. Israel faces a year of austerity, not for the first time in its history, but with hope that the stern measures being taken will lead to economic wellbeing.

2. **Growth of internal terrorism.** The growing epidemic of furtive and isolated killings of individual Israeli soldiers, women, children and others is obviously the work of local Arab cells, receiving support and encourgement from headquarters elsewhere out of the country. The angry reaction of the Israel public has resulted in the strengthening of extremism, leading to further escalation and a worsening of Arab-Jewish relations in the country.

3. **Religious-secular confrontation.** A growing assertiveness on the part of Orthodox leadership, and a parallel growing resistance on the part of the non-Orthodox has been leading to more and more clashes in daily life. The admixture of politics and religion is causing a dangerous polarization which menaces national unity and communal peace.

4. **Talks with Jordan.** The future of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, the status of the Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, and Israel's relations with the Arabs, both internally and externally, are issues which are tied to the Israel-Jordan talks which the U.S. has been pressing both sides to hold. Long before the agenda is drawn up, there are serious problems involving the composition of the Arab negotiating team.

5. **The internal political balance.** The national unity government, comprising equal participation of the otherwise antagonistic Labor and Likud groups, continues to walk its political tightrope. There are many potentially explosive issues which could cause collapse of the government, leading to renewed political conflict and perhaps a bitter election.

Religious Jews ignore difficulties

6. **Immigration.** Objective factors, ranging from the state of the economy to Soviet restrictions, have combined to reduce immigration to a trickle. The main source of immigration these days are idealistic, religiously-inspired Jews who ignore difficulties in their determination to fulfil their lives and help build Israel.

7. **Relations with the USSR.** The new year begins with encouraging hints that the Soviet Union is prepared to resume diplomatic relations with Israel. There are advantages to both sides, but the question is: Are the benefits to be gained by Israel worth the stiff price which Russia will obviously demand?

8. **Relations with Egypt.** There have been hopeful breaks in the diplomatic stalemate with Egypt. A mutually acceptable solution of the Taba border dispute may yet lead to a warming up of the cold peace, and promote normal cultural, commercial and tourist relations between the two countries.

9. **How to handle Kahaneism?** The emergence and growing strength of the extremist movement in Israel, fed by extremism on the Arab side, is cause for considerable alarm here. Can Kahaneism be repressed without sacrificing the democratic principles which Israel holds dear?

10. **Highway accidents.** There has been no significant reduction in the highway death toll which, year after year, continues to exceed the death rate from enemy action. Safety campaigns of various types have been tried, but all have failed to have any appreciable effect.

11. **On the defensive internationally.** The Arab political campaign against Israel is expected to be resumed with renewed energy this coming year in the UN and in other international forums. Israel will exert every effort to retain the support of its friends, and to ward off the efforts to place it in an international limbo.

12. **Yerida — emigration.** The sum total of all the problems, worries and difficulties which face the state are undoubtedly the sum total of the causes leading to emigration of Israelis out of their land. It would appear, pessimistically, that persuasive efforts to stem yerida will not get very far until there is a change in the national economic and political climate.

In the past 30 years we have seen many problems, once high on this list, disappear as matters of major concerns. How many of the above will be close to solution by Yom Kippur of 1986?

Opinion

Alliance which seemingly makes no sense

Strange Syrian-Iranian axis continues to endure

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

One of the strangest alliances in the Middle East today, one which concerns both Israel and many Arab states, is that between Syria and Iran.

At a glance, it is an alliance which seemingly makes no sense.

Iran, under the rule of Ayatollah Khomeini, adheres to a militant Islamic ideology which it seeks to export to neighboring Arab countries. Syria, by contrast, subscribes to secularism and socialism and fears the influence of Islamic fundamentalism.

Furthermore, Syria maintains good relations with the Soviet Union and is considered by observers to be Moscow's most important client state in the region. Iran, fiercely anti-Soviet, has cracked down on its local Communist party.

Iran, since the advent of the 1979 revolution, has changed the orientation of its foreign policy in the Middle East. When the Shah sat on the Peacock throne, Iran generally had cordial ties with pro-Western Arab regimes like Jordan and Saudi Arabia while its relationship with radical Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization was poor.

Now the reverse is true.

The metamorphosis of Iran's foreign policy, with its attendent pro-Syrian slant, is the result of several factors.

Iran has become vehemently anti-American and anti-Israel as well. Prior to 1979, Teheran was firmly in the Western camp and had low-key diplomatic links with Israel.

Iraq's 1980 invasion of Iran, which triggered the bloodiest and most protracted war in Middle Eastern history, precipitated a regional upheaval. Out of a sense of Arab solidarity and visceral fear of Persian nationalism and religious fundamentalism, Arab nations with two notable exceptions rallied to Iraq's side. Only Syria and Libya broke ranks with the Arab world in supporting Iran.

The wily president of Syria, Hafez Assad, had logical reasons for turning toward Iran.

For the past two decades, the rival factions of the ruling Baath Party in Damascus and Baghdad have been at odds. And there is no love lost personally between Syria's Hafez Assad and Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

As Shireen Hunter, a Middle East specialist, points out in a recent edition of Middle East Insight, Iranian policies have a particular attraction for Syria.

Although Iran has emphasized its Islamic character since the downfall of the Pahlavi monarchy, Iran has also attempted to underline the commonality of Iranian and Arab interests within the context of Islam.

Consequently, Iran is now an ardent backer of the Palestinian cause, notwithstanding political disagreements with the PLO, and a bitter enemy of Israel and its very existence as a Jewish and Zionist state.

In Syria's view, this shift in Iranian priorities represents a significant strategic gain for the Arabs at large. The Syrians believe, not without justification, that Iran's new Arab policy provides a unique opportunity to end traditional Arab-Persian animosity and to turn Iran into a dependable Arab ally.

Iran's fidelity to long-range Arab interests may be questionable, but its hostility to Israel is palpable. Iranian leaders make no bones about their desire to destroy Israel and replace it with an Islamic Palestinian state. In this respect, the mullahs of Teheran are in some ways more outspoken vis-a-vis Israel than the average Palestinian spokesman.

For Israel, which supplied Iran with military equipment in the early stages of the Gulf war on the assumption that Iraq was the greater potential threat to its security, the possibility of an Arab-Iranian entente must be worrisome.

In practical terms, Iran's friendship with Syria takes several forms.

Despite the fearsome cost of waging war against Iraq, Iran is able to channel economic aid to financially-strapped Syria. Iran is reportedly supplying Syria with as much, if not more, assistance than Saudi Arabia.

Western diplomats think that it amounts to $1 billion per year, mostly in oil supplies. In March of 1982, Teheran and Damascus signed an economic and commercial agreement according to which Iran would provide Syria with 9 million tons of oil and Iran would import 1 million tons of phosphate from Syria on an annual basis.

The agreement has since been renewed on terms extremely favorable to Syria.

In return for Iran's largesse, Syria has dispatched Soviet arms to Iran and prevented Iraq from exporting its oil through pipelines that cross Syria.

On several occasions, the Arab League implored Syria to slap an arms embargo on Iran and allow Iraq to transship its oil via its territory, but to no avail.

Syria's intransigent position has been costly to Iraq. With Soviet weaponry at its disposal, Iran has been able to blunt Iraqi offenses and inflict heavy casualties on its forces. Syria is pleased with these developments, given its longstanding regional rivalry with Iraq. Syria has also forced Iraq to spend huge sums of money to build oil pipelines which bypass Syrian land.

Despite the advantages of Syria's alliance with Iran, disadvantages are present for each partner.

The Syrians, as observers note, are not oblivious to the possible impact of Iran's militant ideology on their own fragmented society. It will be recalled that Syria, in a burst of savage fury, crushed an internal Islamic revolt centred in Hama by virtually leveling parts of that historic city. While Syrian tanks and bulldozers pulverzied the Moslem Brotherhood in Hama, Iran maintained an embarrassed silence.

Syria and Iran could, theoretically, be at loggerheads over the status of Lebanon.

Iranian Revolutionary Guards, which were sent to Lebanon in the wake of Israel's 1982 invasion, have displayed clear sympathy for Islamic fundamentalism in that deeply divided country. Syria, in trying to balance its fear of radical Islam with its useful Iranian connection, finds itself on the horns of a dilemma in dealing with these Shiite zealots.

Indubitably, the Syrians have no objection to the cooperation that has been forged between the Guards and Lebanese Shiite militiamen fighting Israeli influence in southern Lebanon. After all, Syria's goal is to purge Israel's political and still physical presence in Lebanon.

However, the Syrians are afraid that Shiite Islamic militancy may get out of hand by turning Lebanon into a bastion of fundamentalism and by threatening Syria itself.

The third dimension of possible Syrian-Iranian strife revolves around the future of Iraq. If the present regime in Baghdad were to fall, a fond hope nurtured especially by the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran and Syria would immediately clash over the political complexion of the new Iraqi government. Syria, naturally, would want to replace Saddam Hussein with a pro-Syrian Baathist, while Iran would try to establish a fundamentalist regime in Baghdad.

Syria's President Hafez Assad (right) with Iranian President Ali Khamenei in Damascus.

For the time being, none of these scenarios is likely to unfold, in the opinion of observers. Barring drastic shifts in Syria, Iran, Iraq and Lebanon, the Damascus- Teheran axis will probably endure for the foreseeable future, much to the discomfort of both Israel and conservative Arab regimes.

Season of atonement offers challenge

By
ROBERT E. SEGAL

As the ancient, mystic strains of Kol Nidre flow through synagogues wherever Jews gather on Yom Kippur, the holiest of holy days, the question of who shall live and who shall die is uppermost in all minds.

The answer, all the devout are confident, is in the hands of the Almighty. "Remember us unto life, O King, who delights in life, and inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, O God of Life," is the universal prayer.

How devastating then to recollect in these Days of Awe that there has been an agent of the devil in the news these past few months empowered temporarily by the fates to take this decision into his own bloody hands. This was Hitler's comrade in destruction, Josef Mengele, who stood on a ramp at Auschwitz and, with a wave of his evil hand, determined which Jews caught in the Nazi dragnet would die and which would live. Even if spared, those not sent to the gas chambers or shot might be destined for slave labor or a later death by Mengele's foul medical experiments.

Prof. Robert Jay Lifton of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, whose book on Nazi doctors will be published soon, has provided a sharply etched description of Mengele in the July 21 edition of The New York Times Magazine. There is an old saying that he who has a match and is skilful will find a place to strike it. Of Mengele, Dr. Lifton has written: "It was the coming together of the man and the place, the 'fit' between the two, that created the Auschwitz Mengele."

Some researchers have concluded that Mengele was responsible for 400,000 Holocaust deaths. He may well have been one of Hitler's henchmen who helped shoot Jewish children, had them buried in open graves, then shot again if they struggled free from the pits of annihilation.

According to Rolf Mengele, the camp doctor's son, his father felt no guilt: "Unfortunately, my father never made a remark that could even hint that he felt himself guilty. For him there was no guilt. As a consequence, there was no room for repentance."

Rolf Mengele, apparently eager to deal with the past and feeling a moral responsibility for Auschwitz victims, could find help in his effort to compensate for the sins of his father if he absorbed the central significance of Yom Kippur — repentance, atonement, reconciliation with God. We, who are called upon in this season to bring up from the depths of our beings the transgressions that have scarred us, know the healing that enters our souls when we seek mercy and ask forgiveness.

The son of the Nazi transgressor could then realize that on the journey up the hill to repentance, one can concentrate on the good one can still do in the world.

And how that battered world needs such missionaries! Consider the sorry record of our times — religious civil war in Lebanon between Christians and Moslems; Lebanon's criminals hijacking a TWA plane, killing a young American seaman, holding some 39 hostages, and refusing to release nine others kidnapped months ago; impending civil war in South Africa and the hypocrisy of leaders of the white minority there refusing to break with the policy of apartheid; carelessness in Bhopal where poison leaking from Union Carbide's vats killed 2,000 innocent people and inflicts a future of blindness on scores of others; Moscow's deeper penetration into Afghanistan; Reagan's love affairs with the concept of Star Wars and his ill-founded policy of Nicaragua's unrest.

The record stuns us. The challenge is clear before us. The season of atonement will surely inspire many to accept that challenge.

— WNS-Seven Arts

Real criteria for success bring genuine happiness

By
RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

Difficult as it may be for many people to realize, there is no positive correlation between success and happiness.

Is it true that the wealthiest, the most educated or the famous and celebrated among us are the happiest? On the high peaks of success are to be found loneliness and insecurity. In the enviable positions are to be found the tensions that result from onerous obligations and the need to make vital decisions. The wealthiest of men must wonder if they are admired for themselves, or the favors that they can bestow.

Who would not trade his fortune for the restoration of health? Who would not trade fame for obscurity if it could bring the joy of a secure home and loving children?

To equate happiness with the sham and illusion that the world calls "success" is a form of immaturity.

As the New Year dawns may I offer the following criteria for success. You will be a successful person in 5746 if you can do the following:

(1) Find the resources — regardless of your age and position — to keep your mind alive, vital, active and curious.

(2) Achieve understanding and mutual regard with your spouse and your children.

(3) Attain a measure of meaning in your work and the satisfactions that come from the knowledge that you are earning your bread honestly and without deceit.

(4) Be guided by your own standards and values, rather than by those of your neighbors.

(5) Win a few good friends whom you admire and who add a measure of zest and comradeship to your life and activities.

(6) Accept the good and bad of life with equanimity, not made arrogant by the former or embittered by the latter.

(7) Spend some time alone and make use of your own resources without falling into loneliness or panic.

(9) Forget yourself long enough and your own problems to reach out in genuine concern and consideration for others.

(9) Participate as a Jew in the tradition and ways of your people, so that an added dimension of faith, stability and drama are added to your life.

(10) Feel that you are reaching for your full potential and that as a human being you are experiencing new ripening of mind and spirit.

Opinion

Bitter lesson of collective responsibility

At year's end, a glance at an age-old dilemma

By
J. B. SALSBERG

This issue of the paper is due to appear at the climax of the "days of awe," as tradition called the High Holidays period, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It was the period for honest (even ruthless) introspection into one's behavior and deeds during the preceding year.

J.B. Salsberg

Such year's-end spiritual self-examination was not restricted to one's own record but was extended to include an appraisal of the behavior of one's community and of Jewish society at large.

This annual extension of one's personal moral and ethical scrutiny to that of the Jewish community at large stems, I believe, from the age-old belief that Jews share responsibility one for the other. That concept of mutual responsibility is, I think, rooted in the experience of our people who, for centuries lived as minorities among majorities that were, all too frequently, inhospitable or hostile, to the minority and readily blamed the Jews for the misdeeds of a single member of that minority group.

Jews have, therefore, learnt the bitter lesson of communal or collective responsibility. And that historic lesson continues to influence our moral, social and, yes, political behavior pattern, whether one is fully conscious of it or not. It was that ingrained awareness that often prompted Jewish spiritual and ethical authorities throughout the Diaspora ages, to admonish and to chastise the wayward among us with the piercing cry: "Jews don't behave like that!" or, for centuries in Yiddish from the syngogue pulpits: "A Yid tut dos nisht!"

And, my patient friends, that rather long introduction brings me to the point at which we may begin to deal with what I call, an age-old Jewish dilemma, the dilemma of what Jews may or may not do.

Frankly, I'm perhaps unduly conscious of this dilemma. Circumstances and experience (not a little of it of a personal nature) during the past half a-century have escalated my awareness of the question whether a Jew may or may not engage in all practices that non-Jews engage in as a matter of course.

On principle grounds my position is that since Jews are neither all saints nor all sinners but are good or bad like the majority of the people we live with, then we must have the right to do everything that the majority population finds socially and legally acceptable to do.

If society legally and morally allows and even welcomes given practices then the Jews must not be denied those rights, reprehensible as some of those practices may be from our moral or social viewpoint.

For instance:

• Three years ago an unscrupulous cabal of small-fry, get-rich-quick financial manipulators were halted in their repulsive operation by the Ontario government. The affair became a horrible cause celebre. The culprits claimed (and still do) that they did nothing illegal. And they may be right. But what they did, or tried to, did do violence to the most elementary concepts of decency and fairness.

A Jew figured prominently in that sinfully conceived operation. But, I confess, I was relieved when the government and press revealed that all the others in that scandal were non-Jews. Over-sensitive? Perhaps. But I would have been happier if our Jewish press and our religious and other communal spokesmen had used the occasion to raise the old cry: "A Yid tut dos nisht!"

• Recently a plant in a small Quebec community was closed by its conglomorate owners. Canadian TV reported the event and showed the unhappy workers who lost their jobs as a consequence. But I became enraged when, for no obvious logical reason, the TV screen flashed the pictures of the new owners of that conglomerate, all Jews, who, I'm inclined to think, knew no more about the closure of that small plant than you or I did.

Why, I shouted aloud to myself as I watched the news, why don't they show the pictures of the owners or chief executives of the CPR, of the General Motors or of countless other large firms that close plants routinely all the time?

In principle I'm hurt by the closing of that plant that left scores of families economically helpless. But I felt that it was discriminatory on the part of our national TV to flash pictures of Jewish owners when they never do it with non-Jewish owners. Jewish sensitivity? The Jewish dilemma!

Do I ask for special treatment for Jews? No. But I do ask for *equal* treatment, even in the case of a plant to be closed.

The dilemma! Should a Jew consciously evade doing things that may react unfavorably on our people as a whole, even if others do it?

Yes, but on the basis of one's own moral and ethical scruples. Such self-controls must come from within while we reject any effort from without to question our deeds when non-Jews, doing the same things are not questioned.

Finally, we need more fearless moral voices to speak out in our own tents against evil-doing. We need religious and secular moral figures like "The Salanter" (Rabbi Israel Lipkin 1810-83), who led the revived Musar movement through European Jewry.

On one occasion "The Salanter" halted the religious services of a synagogue until an excruciatingly evil deed committed against a local widow would be corrected. Like he, we need to raise the cry that "Yidden tuen dos nisht!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signatures.

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WHOSE ROBE MUDDIED?

Jay Jacobs, in his Aug. 29 letter headed "Bashing Marmur bashers," races clumsily to the defence of Rabbi Dow Marmur.

He self-confidently concludes his futile attempts to exonorate his hero by making the spurious, sweeping claim that the "current letter writers are falling all over each other in their attempts to dissociate themselves from their fellow believers."

By drawing attention to the activities of the Jewish underground, and their Orthodox religious beliefs, he is obviously trying to cast aspersions on religious Jews as a whole. This line of reasoning is patently absurd!

But let us for a moment follow his line of reasoning and see where it leads us.

Let us consider all crimes committed by our people and see on what side of the line they belong, the religious or the non-religious. Let us interview the police in each large Jewish community, and ask how many Jews convicted of crimes are of religious persuasion. Is there any doubt in any one's mind what such a survey would reveal?

If on our garment there is a speck, then Jay Jacobs' garments are all splatted with mud!

Dan Singer
Toronto

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KAHANE CHAMPIONSHIP "WEIRD"

In a strangely perverted example of illogic, Phillip Wintrob's Sept. 5 letter defends Rabbi Meir Kahane's views as being essential because "without the existence of right-wing parties in Israel, Israel would not be able to counter Arab leftism." Weird thinking, indeed!

And then your correspondent goes on to condemn American Jewry, American Jewish liberals and the memberships of 12 major Jewish organizations who have publicly condemned Kahane and his views, because they have not gone on aliya.

He implies that they therefore have no right to comment on Israeli affairs.

I've heard that song before: "If you're unhappy with Begin, Shamir, Sharon, don't criticize them while sitting in Toronto — move to Israel." (When "they" criticized Eshkol, Golda and Rabin, it was perfectly legitimate to be part of Diaspora Jewry.)

We Jews, as the people of the Book, who believe in concern for our fellow man, are urged to protest the Soviet mistreatment of Jews and dissidents, South African racist policies towards Blacks, Syrian restrictive actions against Jews, Poland's harassment of members of Solidarity, Chile's imprisonment of labor leaders.

All is fair game when it comes to criticism, with the exception of decrying Israeli policies and public figures.

Then the bugaboo about Diaspora critics going on aliya is raised, despite the fact that they, the chassidism and defenders of reaction and racism in Israel, are content to live in the Diaspora.

Jay Jacobs
Toronto

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KAHANE BASHING "OBJECTIONABLE"

I consider objectionable the comparisons made in your Aug. 29 article headed "Farrakhan, Kahane 'cancer on body politic.'"

The article concerns an address before Hadassah's national convention made by Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee. In it, Bookbinder denounces equally Rabbi Meir Kahane and Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Black group known as the Nation of Islam.

Bookbinder equates Kahane, whom he calls "an open hateful Jewish bigot," with Farrakhan, who he terms "an open, hateful antisemite."

I object because Farrakhan's pronouncements are those of an insulting, maligning, anti-Israeli anti-semite. But Kahane advocates getting rid of a hostile element in Israel which endangers the very existence of the Jewish state, and making that element leave with compensation.

One may agree or disagree with Rabbi Kahane, but he is professing no hatred and vilifies no one.

This is in stark contrast to Farrakhan's despicable allocutions.

I. Josy
Toronto

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DAVID AND GOLIATH

Now that we're honoring Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, my mind goes forward to next Passover, which will coincide with the 43rd anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto resistance to Nazi rule.

The fact that so few badly armed Jews held mixed German, Ukrainian, Latvian, SS and regular army combatants at bay for 42 days is indeed a great milestone in Jewish history.

Yet why is this event not played up more by the media? Many youths now know of the Holocaust, but little of this event, which I feel is akin to David fighting off Goliath.

Sonnie Landau
Toronto

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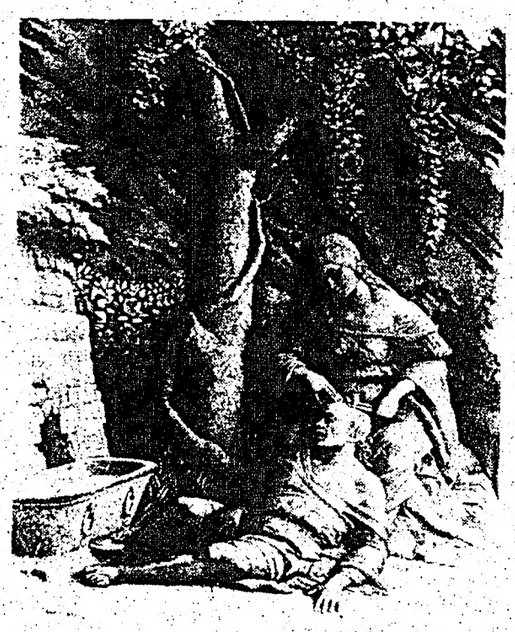
SAMSON AND GOLIATH

In my Aug. 29 Name Game column, I mistakenly wrote:

"Samson would recall that his given name was that of the Philistine giant (Shimshom Hagibor), who succumbed to the diminutive David."



Deliliah shearing the locks of Samson's hair, as depicted by the 15th-century artist Andrea Mantegna, in a painting preserved in the British National Gallery.

It was a confusion between Goliath, the Philistine giant, and Samson.

I apologize for this "gigantic" error.

Fred M. Catzman
Toronto

Editor's note: You are forgiven. Samson's own gigantic error, according to Judges in the Bible, was succumbing to the wiles of the Philistine temptress Delilah. She, of course, cut off his long locks of hair — the source of his strength — while the Jewish strongman slept.

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VILLEJUIVE REALLY SAINTLY

Re Ron Csillag's recent travel article headed "Jewish community in Paris has truly come of age," in which he asserts that "the metro near Rue des Rosiers is called Villejuive":

Not true! It is called St. Paul, and it is about two blocks going through Rue Vieille du Temple to that metro.

From that station, one can go to Chatellet, where changes, can be made in all directions. The latter is a subway station like Toronto's Bloor.

One can go from there to Bois de boulongn or to Port D'Orleon, north or south.

It may be that in fun they call it Villejuive, but, in fact, it is called St. Paul station.

To make sure, you may ask Henry Weingluck, the Toronto artist. He lived in Paris, too, for many years.

S. State
Toronto

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HE KNEW JABOTINSKY

As the recording secretary of Herut Canadian Central Region, I am compelled to take issue with G. B. Kimel's letter concerning Amnon Ajzensztadt's article about Zeev Jabotinsky's positive appreciation of religion.

Ajzensztadt's competence in his written and oral portrayal of the late president of the New Zionist Organization was not only enlightening but, indeed, true to life and accurate. For he is probably one of the most qualified men in Toronto who knew the founder of the Jewish Legion. It was not from history books, but from personal daily contact as his office clerk of the Polish department of the N.Z.O. in Warsaw.

Yet, in his July 11 article in The CJN headed "Jabotinsky, ray of Hope in darkness of exile." Ajzensztadt is not carried away by nostalgic sentimentality and hearsay. He pinpoints a specific historic fact, which can still be confirmed in the recorded first paragraph of the Vienna-formulated constitutional charter of the NZO of 1935.

I would thus suggest that G. B. Kimel should diligently research the Zionist archives of that particular period.

He will then surely find enough corroborative evidence that Jabotinsky did indeed have a profound, affirmed feeling for the creative, redeeming force of religious faith and the importance of the Sinai principles in the life of the freedom-striving Jewish nation.

Max Frieberg
Toronto

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HE PRAISES JABOTINSKY

It was a rare privilege to hear Amon Ajzensztadt speak at the Lodzer Centre at the commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the death of Zionist Revisionist leader Zeev Jabotinsky.

The content and delivery were outstanding, for Mr. Ajzensztadt is an eloquent and dynamic speaker, his oratory akin to that of a prophet. The entire Jewish community would have benefited from this lecture.

I would suggest that future lectures of this nature be held in a larger hall.

Rose Ehrenworth
Toronto

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LESSON OF KEEGSTRA TRIAL

Like many others in the legal community, I doubted the effectiveness of our laws against hatemongers. In the aftermath of the Zundel and Keegstra convictions, I was reminded of something that I had concluded in law school but had obviously forgotten since. Weak people can make strong laws weak and strong people can make weak laws strong.

Ronald Hoffman
Toronto

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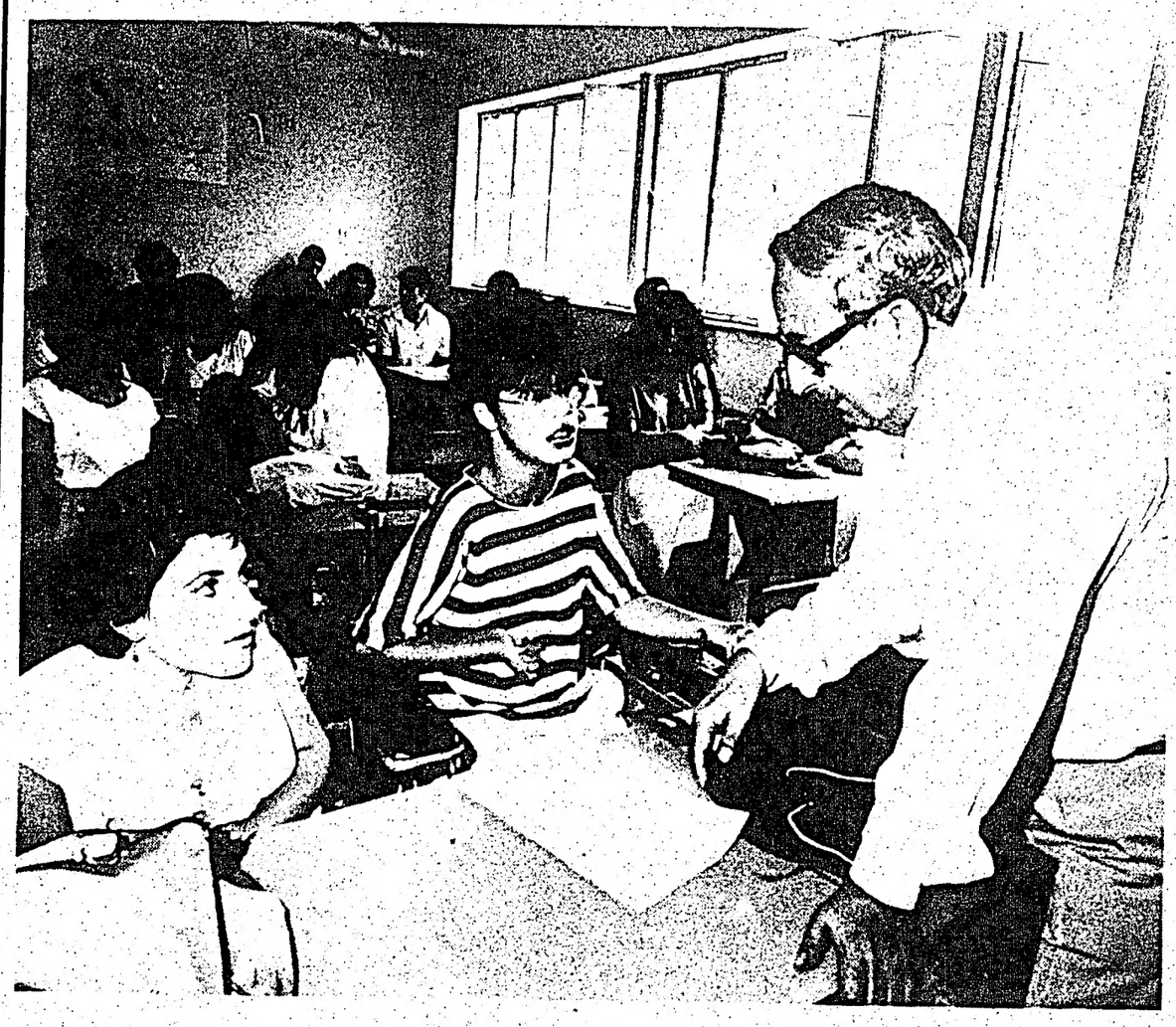

BACK TO THE BOOKS

Israeli Minister of Education Yitzhak Navon talking to pupils at the Renee Cassin High School, Jerusalem, on the first day of the school year. (JTA World Zionist News Photo Service.)

Austerity program is showing results

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government's tough economic austerity program has dealt a major blow to inflation, according to preliminary figures for August.

But civil service employees seem to be the first casualties of drastic measures taken to reduce government expenditures in the war against inflation, according to a confidential report published in Haaretz.

Figures for the first two weeks of August showed the cost-of-living index up only 3.5 to 4% above the July average, compared to a monthly inflation rate of 20% plus before the government's program was announced July 1.

Experts credited the government's measures for the improvement. They said August inflation would have been even lower but for an unexpected upsurge in the prices of fruit and vegetables. This was attributed to a between-the-seasons shortage which tripled or quadrupled the prices of such popular items as tomatoes and cucumbers.

The good news on the inflation front greeted Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai on his return from Washington. He predicted an August inflation rate of 4% which, he said, was what the government was aiming for. He warned, however, that even that achievement is not good enough. Inflation will have to be curbed even more before economic recovery is firmly on track, Modai said.

Meanwhile, a government study not for public release was obtained by Haaretz and published. It showed an erosion of 40% in the real value of civil service wages over the last seven months. According to the study, the July austerity package had devastating effects on the take-home pay of civil servants, more than the economic planners themselves had intended.

The study found that many workers in the public sector are not yet fully aware of their losses because their July and August paychecks did not reflect them. July and August pay included one-time allowances for vacations and clothing. The August paychecks, moreover, included a one-time 12% cost-of-living rise compensation negotiated with Histadrut. There will be no such compensation in the September paychecks.

September salaries instead will reflect the full weight of the government's cutbacks. These include limited wage reductions and a virtual freeze on paid expenses, such as car maintenance costs, which continue to rise. They are an important part of the civil service workers' take-home pay, especially for middle and upper level employees.

Washington blasts "shameful" decree

WASHINGTON —

Nearly 10 years after the United Nations adopted a resolution equating Zionism with racism, U.S. President Ronald Reagan last week signed into official government policy a joint congressional resolution denouncing the resolution and urging American delegates to the UN to "take all appropriate actions necessary to erase the shameful resolution from the record of the UN."

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives each passed the resolution unanimously on July 10 and Aug. 1, respectively.

The World Zionist Organization had launched a campaign in 1984 to get passage of such a resolution.

Part of the official text reads:

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Congress —

1. Soundly denounces and condemns any linkage between Zionism and racism,

2. Considers (the resolution) to be a permanent smear upon the reputation of the United Nations and to be totally inconsistent with that organization's declared purposes and principles,

3. Unequivocally states that (its) premise which equates Zionism with racism is itself clearly a form of bigotry, and

4. Formally repudiates (it), and calls upon the parliaments of all countries which value freedom and democracy to do the same.

New documents found

Barbie trial put off again

PARIS (JTA) —

The trial of Klaus Barbie, supposed to have opened last spring and then rescheduled for November, has been postponed to early next year. The prosecution says a new investigation is required because some documents recently found in the state archives differ from documents supplied by Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld.

Barbie's lawyer, Jacques Verges, who has promised a fierce fight on behalf of his client, said there were discrepancies between the list of names of Jewish deportees in the Klarsfeld documents and those in the archives. The key list is that of Jews deported on Aug. 11, 1944 aboard the last "death train" to leave Lyon.

Barbie, whose activities as Gestapo chief in Lyon during World War II earned him the sobriquet "Butcher of Lyon," faces charges on three counts of "crimes against humanity." These include the deportation of 650 Jews on Aug. 11, 1944; the arrest and deportation of 86 members of the Lyon committee of French Jews on Feb. 9, 1943; and the April 6, 1944 arrest and deportation of two Jewish teachers and 52 children who were hidden by their parents in a Jewish orphanage in Izieu.

In the latter case, Barbie is charged with "kidnapping minors followed by death," illegal detention and complicity in murder.

The investigations magistrate, Christian Riss, has dismissed charges which fall under the statute of limitations. Thus, war crimes cannot be prosecuted 20 years after the events. Crimes against humanity are not covered by the statute of limitations.

The newly discovered documents will have to be submitted to all parties to the case, including hundreds of groups and associations which have filed civil actions against Barbie.

The former SS officer, now 72, has been in custody since early 1983. He escaped from Europe shortly after the war when he was sentenced to death in absentia by a French court. He found haven in Bolivia where he prospered under the alias, Klaus Altmann.

He was expelled in 1983, after Bolivia's ruling right wing military junta was overthrown and handed him over to French authorities. He has since been incarcerated in the same Lyon prison where his victims were confined, interrogated and tortured by the Gestapo while they awaited deportation, usually to Auschwitz.

His victims were not only Jews but members of the French resistance. Barbie is held responsible for the murder of Jean Moulin, a resistance leader. His pending trial is expected to have political repercussions.

Kahane warns

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deGaulle, I'll go home to wait for the people to call for me."

Kahane said he saw no chance for the present peace effort working since all Arabs, including the moderates, want the return of all the land taken in 1967, including East Jerusalem, which, he noted, no Israeli would accept. He said for this reason he has no objection to Israel talking to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But Kahane warned that if any Israeli government decided to give up any part of the West Bank, he would lead a massive civil disobedience effort and "I would go down in history as did Dr. Martin Luther King."

Kahane maintained that if he was Premier, the U.S. would still help Israel because it was in America's national interest. He suggested that America needs Israel more than Israel needs the U.S. because "on Judgment Day, God is going to ask, did you support Israel?"

At the same time, Kahane said the "best thing the American government can do for Israel is to withhold economic aid and force us to live like we should, not like Rothschild importing color TV and German cars" but "working hard."

Pain, joy created at bar mitzvah

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another tallit. When she began her commentary, Elbaum said several times, "But the ladies cannot speak in synagogue." Korzenick said the elders in the synagogue did not take up the chant.

In her English commentary, Korzenick quoted Isaiah to the effect that "violence shall no more be heard in the land and the sun shall no more go down. Neither shall thy moon withdraw itself for the Lord will be thy everlasting light and the days of mourning shall be ended."

Moreover, Korzenick, spiritual leader of the Fellowship of Jewish learning in Stamford, Conn., the synagogue of which the Strom family is affiliated, asserted that the bar mitzvah was an expression of Jewish "oneness and concern."

She said: "One thing I did see was a little tiny germ of possibility for the future" of Jewry in Cracow. She noted that some 20 young Polish Jews had attended the bar mitzvah, and that some of the elderly persons in the community have tried to increase the study of Jewish and Yiddish culture.

She also said that during her brief visit, which included a show at the Yiddish theatre in Warsaw, she felt that the Polish government appeared to be encourging efforts by the small Jewish community. Some 15,000 Jews are estimated to live in Poland. Cracow's Jewish population prior to the Holocaust was some 60,000. It is now several hundred.

Korzenick explained that Polish Jewry is not in a desperate state. They have chosen to stay, she said, though many have family elsewhere, including in Israel. As for Eric, Korzenick said, "he understood he was there as a symbol of joy."

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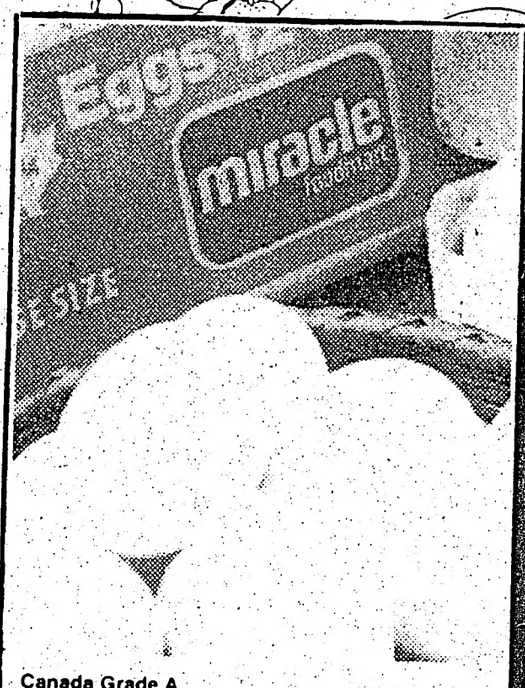

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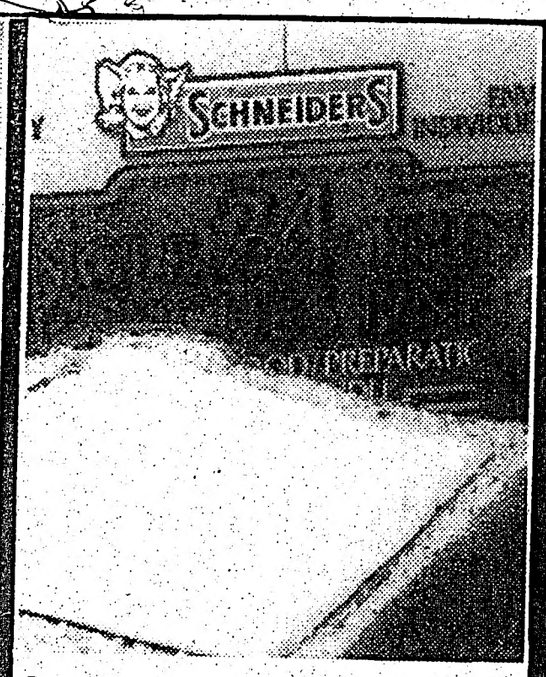

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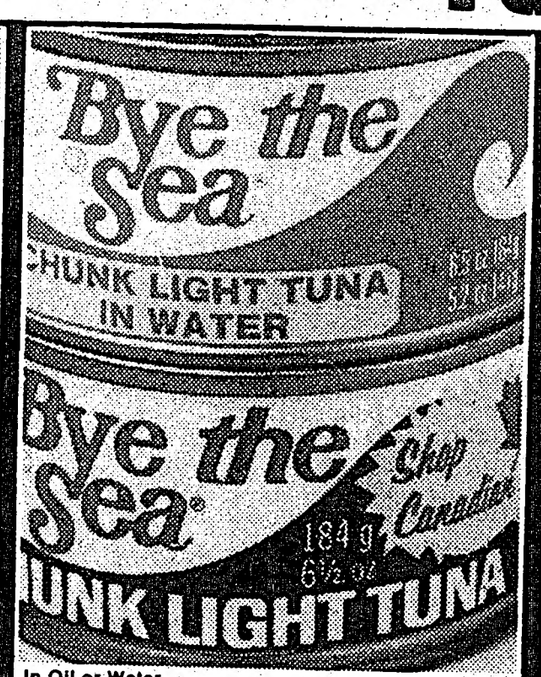

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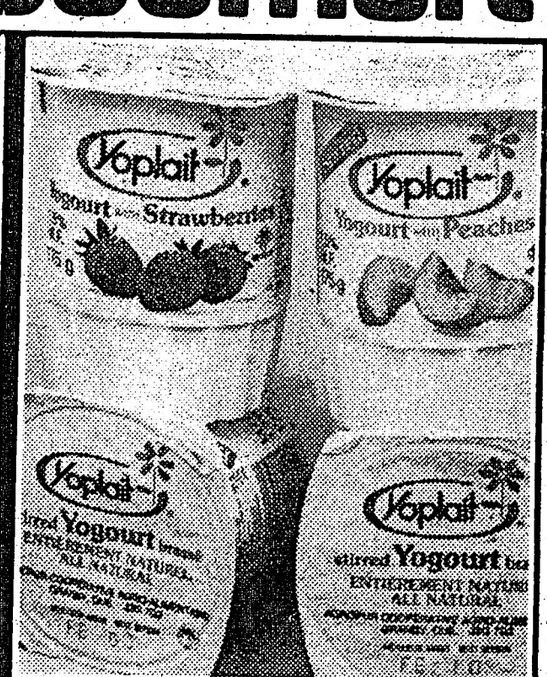

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

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Thursday, Sept. 19

THURSDAY EVENING SEMINARS

On Sept. 19, the Thursday evening seminars, sponsored by Jewish Education Program (JEP)-Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College, continue with Yom Kippur, An Exercise in Holiness. Seminars, open to both men and women, take place at 8.30 p.m. at Eitz Chaim School, 475 Patricia Ave.

There is no charge and refreshments will be served. For information, call JEP at 787-1681.

Saturday, Sept. 21

SHABBAT SHUVA

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will deliver the traditional Shabbat Shuva drasha on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 5.35 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Rabbi Eliot Feldman will deliver his Shabbat Shuva drasha at the conclusion of Shabbat services on Sept. 21, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah. The topic will be The Machazor, Why All the Poetry? Synagogue is located at 3640 Bayview Ave. (corner of Fifeshire Rd. S.)

Sunday, Sept. 22

WELCOME RABBI & MRS. DAVID

Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot, in conjunction with the Mizrachi Organization of Toronto, are hosting a reception welcoming **Rabbi and Mrs. Avishai David** on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. at Ulpanot Orot School, 45 Canyon Ave.

Rabbi David will deliver the Tshuva drasha, Yamim Norim and Human Relations. This is open to the community.

GARAGE SALE

You'll find something for everyone at the garage sale sponsored by Shoshana Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women on Sunday, Sept. 22. It runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 63 Greenbush Cres., Thornhill.

Monday, Sept. 23

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Come to Bathurst Heights Secondary School for your continuing education. Do you want to learn French or knit, exercise or learn to dance? The school offers a full range of subjects from auto to yoga plus basic upgrading, English as a second language and credit courses for grades 9-13.

Registration is Monday, Sept. 23, from 7-9 pm. Phone 789-0551 for further details.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto opening meeting is set for Monday, Sept. 23, at 2.30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Royal York Hotel. Guest speaker **John Neville**, artistic director-designate, Stratford Festival, will discuss Who in the World Needs Theatre.

For information, call the club office at 923-2900.

JORDANA CHAPTER-HADASSAH WIZO

If you are between the ages of 25-40 and interested in meeting dynamic women like yourself, hearing interesting speakers and raising money for Israel, then it is time to join Hadassah WIZO's Jordana Chapter.

Come out on Monday, Sept. 23, at 7.30 p.m. for a stimulating evening and delicious desserts. Call **Sharon** at 783-2544 or **Janice** at 783-8022 for details.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale invites pregnant and nursing mothers to a discussion of The Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby. The meeting takes place on Monday, Sept. 23, at 8.15 p.m. at 40 Cedarcroft Blvd. (off Bathurst, north of Finch).

Babies are welcome. Kosher refreshments will be served. For more information, call **Ruth** at 736-1758 or **Adrianne** at 665-4120 or **Elaine** at 663-8003.

AN EVENING WITH ERIKA BIRO

If you have an interest in international affairs, plan to join **Erika Biro** on Monday, Sept. 23, at 8.30 p.m. at Fairview Theatre in Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (Sheppard-Don Mills area). This is one of the events marking Ontario Public Library Week.

Over the years, Erika Biro has lectured on Central America and the Middle East, written political commentaries and since 1980 has been teaching her own current events course.

Advance tickets are available at $2 each. Phone 495-3438 to reserve.

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And What Else Is New ...

OSKAR ASHER SCHMIDT MUSEUM

The Oskar Asher Schmidt Museum of the Toronto Jewish Congress invites the public to visit its newest exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art. The objects date from the 16th century to the present and are on loan from the Beth Tzedec Museum until February, 1986.

The museum is located in the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services, 4600 Bathurst St. Museum hours are Monday and Tuesday, 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday, 12.30-4.30 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JOB DISSATISFACTION GROUP

Job dissatisfaction — Working but not happy-Why? is the theme of a counseling group being formed for both men and women to understand your job disatisfaction, look at realistic job expectations, look at changes you can make in your job, your attitudes and your future.

Group will meet one evening a week for four weeks begining Thursday, Oct. 3, at Jewish Vocational Service, 17 Tycos Dr. It will be led by **Sandy Wise**, vocational counselor.

For registration and further information, call her at 787-1151.

HILLEL STUDENTS, U OF T

This week's activities for Hillel-Jewish Students Union of the University of Toronto include —

Thursday, Sept. 19 — The movie, A Ticket to Heaven, and speaker **Josh Freed**, author of Moonwebs, a book about cults, at 7 p.m. at U of T Sanford Fleming Building, Room 1105.

Saturday, Sept. 21 — Orientation Pub at SAC Pub, 100 St. George St., with disc jockey and cash bar at 9 p.m. Charge is $4 with JSU discount card, $5 without.

Monday, Sept. 23 — As part of the Cult Awareness program, **Marcia Rudin** will speak on the Status of Women and Child Abuse Cults at 4 p.m. at New College, Room 1016.....**Dr. Margaret Singer**, one of the foremost authorities on cults, will speak on Psychotherapy in Cults: A Growing Phenomenon at 7.30 p.m. at St. Michael's College, Brennan Hall.

For information about all programs, call JSU at 923-9861.

PATHWAYS TO CHANGE

Jewish Family & Child Service and the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living are offering a 3-session program led by **Eleanor Miller** for widows and widowers, beginning in October. Entitled Pathways to Change, it will cover changing roles, looking to inner resources (e.g. self-esteem) and outer resources (e.g. community).

For information, contact **Suzanne Lando** at the centre at 225-2112.

JSF DANCE

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Jewish Students Federation of York University is having a dance, with a disc jockey, to welcome new students and renew old acquaintances. The time is 8.30 p.m. at Winters College.

Tickets are $4 in advance, $5 at the door. You can get them through JSF at 667-3647 or 667-3648. Hurry, because tickets are going fast!

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Young Married Couples group invites you to attend its programs for the upcoming year.

For information on programs and membership fees, call **Gail Copeland** at 636-4090 or **Susan Bidner** at 789-9787 (evenings).

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Special programs taking place at Shalom Village in Hamilton during the last two weeks of September include —

Friday, Sept. 20 — **Miriam Davidson** will give a slide show presentation of her trip to Qatar at 2.30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26 — **Rabbi Itkin** will be the first speaker in the Jewish Ethics and Philosophy series. The topic will be The Chassidic Movement. The time is 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29 — Simcha Sunday celebration for September birthdays features entertainment by the Suzuki School of Music at 2 p.m.

Regular programs include bowling, crafts, ceramics, mosaic tile, bingo and cards and outings.

For information, call 528-5377 in Hamilton.

GIFT SHOW EXHIBITORS NEEDED

Exhibitors are still needed for Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood's boutique sale being held Nov. 13, at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Contact the synagogue office at 633-5500 for application forms or further information.

TEACH ENGLISH TO ADULTS

You can help teach English to adults. The North York Board of Education needs volunteers who can commit two hours a day, twice a week, to the English As A Second Language parent and pre-schooler program. Full training is provided and classes are supervised by professional teachers at locations throughout North York.

The program is sponsored by the ministry of citizenship and culture, North York Public Library, and North York Board of Education.

Spread the word — become a volunteer ESL teacher. For application form, call the board at 229-5507.

ACT NOW!

Leah Posluns Theatre School has a limited number of spaces still available for all fall courses.

The school offers a comprehensive selection of theatre courses for children, adults and teens, taught by professionals of the highest calibre. Choose from a variety of courses ranging from creative drama for children and acting for teens and adults to musical theatre, scriptwriting, improvisation, directing and backstage courses.

Act now! Don't miss out! Call **Rose** or **Claire** at 636-1880, ext. 230.

SEPARATION & DIVORCE

A 3-part separation and divorce public education program, sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, will be held Oct. 16, 23 and 30 from 7.30-9.30 p.m. It will feature noted lawyers, social workers, a psychiatrist and rabbi, who will deal with legal issues plus the emotional and psychological impact upon families.

For registration and information, call **Risa** at JF & CS at 638-7800.

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Parent education programs, offered by the Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario, a non-proft educational organization, begin Sept. 30 in various locations in Toronto. The fee is $50 per person or $75 per couple for 8-10 sessions.

For information or to register, call or write Coordinator, Family Life Skills, Alfred Adler Institute of Ontario, 1111 Finch Ave. W., suite 407, Downsview, M3J 2E5. The phone number is 665-1604.

ACCESSIBLE GROUP TOUR

The Task Force on Jewish Persons with Disabilities is taking an accessible group tour to see the Precious Legacy collection of Judaic treasures from the Czechoslovak State Archives, which were saved during the Holocaust. The tour is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 5.45 p.m. The cost of the tour is $5, which is based on a group fee, and does not include transportation.

Space is limited, so reserve now so that you won't miss the opportunity to view this historic collection.

For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 238 or 239 (TTY 636-5510).

THE THIRD FLOOR

The Third Floor, the Central Eglinton Community Centre located in Eglinton School, 223 Eglinton Ave. E., has something for everyone from yoga, Lamaze classes and creative arts to a toy library, parent-child drop in, legal information line and seniors programs, to list a few.

So, if you are young or not so young, give the centre a call at 487-4096 and find out more about what it has to offer.

SUNDAY LIBRARY SERVICE

Fairview Public Library is now open Sundays from 1-5 p.m. to provide library service to the east end of the city. This Sunday service will allow the public to use reference and research resources and to borrow materials from Fairview's collection of circulating materials.

Fairview Library is located at 35 Fairview Mall Dr., just east of Don Mills Rd.

for seniors

A reminder that the deadline for the Oct. 3 issue is Friday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls.

The continuing education fall courses sponsored by Humber College and the **Association of Jewish Seniors** will deal with Conflict in the Middle East with instructor **David Berlin** and Assertiveness Training with **Rosemary Manning**. Courses will run on Wednesdays at 9.45-11.45 a.m. from Oct. 2-Dec. 4 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Fee is $10 per senior. Pre-registration is required. For further information, call Humber College at 675-3111, ext. 4418.

Workmen's Circle Social Club Plus 50 will be closed for the holidays until Oct. 15. However, on Thursdays, Sept. 19 and Oct. 10, **Shirley Grotell** will be at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. from 10 a.m. to noon to sign up people for the Miami trip. So, if you are interested in going, be sure to turn out and register.

At the annual general meeting of the **Advocacy Centre for the Elderly** taking place Thursday, Sept. 19, guest speaker **Laura Sabia**, Toronto Sun columnist, will talk about Sex, Status, Seniors. The time is 7 p.m. at Bedford Park United Church, 100 Ranleigh Ave. (Yonge and Lawrence area). Everyone is welcome. If assistance is required, call 487-7157.

An exhibit of artistic works created by members of **Baycrest Centre Day Care** service for seniors is on display at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., through to Sept. 30. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 218.

On Monday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m. **North York Seniors Centre** is hosting a presentation on the Young Offenders' Act. **Judith Wahl**, from the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, will respond to questions concerning the act. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. North York Seniors Centre is located at 1 Empress Ave. in Willowdale. For more information, call 226-5614.

The Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario, a provincial organization representing older adult centres across Ontario, is holding its 12th annual conference, The Future Is Now, on Oct. 27-29 at the 400/401 Ramada Inn.

It contains three distinct conference packages — an extensive 2-day institute providing train-

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RECEPTION

At a reception held on behalf of the Alex Fisher tribute dinner by Beth Tzedec Congregation, State of Israel Bonds and Maccabi Canada, David Schnall (3rd from right), an authority on Middle East affairs, spoke on the changing political and economic situation in Israel and the new direction of high-technology and research as the key to its self-sufficiency. With him, from left to right, are hosts Syd and Reggie Greenberg, honorees Alex and Cecille Fisher, and Sheila and Jeff Engel. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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ing in older adult centre administration and management; workshops for staff and volunteers in older adult centres, and, for the first time, workshops for older adults which will cost $12.50 for the day, including lunch.

The full conference rate is $60 for all workshops, special events and meals for the three days of the conference. Register early by calling 226-5614.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is offering Introduction to Sociology Oct. 15-Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. The topics include social structure in our society, deviance, religion, education, the changing nature of the family and prejudice and discrimination. The cost for 10 sessions is $10 seniors, $15 non-seniors.

Another LLI program is Revolution and Change in Modern History with **Prof. Emanuel Goldberg**. It starts Monday, Oct. 21, from 1.30-3.30 p.m. The fee for members is $10 for 10 sessions or $1.50 per session and for non-members it is $15 for 10 sessions and $2 per session.

The Music Appreciation series presents Madame Butterfly with Opera Hamilton and the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra on Monday, Sept. 23, at 1.30 p.m. There is no charge.

The Health Information lectures continue on Thursday, Sept. 26, with Ileitis and Colitis — What Does the Future Hold? with **Dr. Fred Saibil**, staff gastroenterologist at Sunnybrook Medical Centre. The time is 1.30 p.m. There is no charge for members. Non-members charge is $1.

A course in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) techniques will be given Friday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This 4-hour session will teach the basics of the Metro-Save-A-Life program. Pre-registration is required. call **Randi Fine** at 225-2112.

At the Sunday afternoon program on Sept. 22 Living Flame will perform traditional songs. The time is 2 p.m. and the admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

singles

A reminder that the deadline for the Oct. 3 issue is Friday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your material.

The JCC Valley Single Parent Group is having an evening for new members and anyone interested in joining on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 7.30 p.m. at 20 Felicia Cres. Come on out and meet the steering committee and learn more about what the group has to offer. Wine, cheese, honeycake and coffee will be served. There is no charge. For more information, call **Fran Chodak** at 889-0813.....Join in an afternoon of apple picking and apple noshing at Chudleigh's Apple Farm on Sunday, Sept. 29. Meet at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., at 1 p.m. sharp to board the bus. Cost per family is $4. Only those who reserve by Monday, Sept. 23, will be welcome. For reservations, call **Fran** or **Jodi** at 889-0813.

Nagilla Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, a chapter for women 40 plus, invites you to its opening meeting on Monday, Sept. 23, at 7.30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. For reservations and information, call **Fran Abelson** at 638-2716 or **Eve Davidson** at 633-6368.

Toronto Singles presents a Singles Soul Party at Club Bluenote, 128 Pears Ave. (Avenue Rd. and Davenport) on Monday, Sept. 23, at 8.30 p.m. There will be live entertainment featuring **Demo Cates** (nominated for a Juno award) plus door prizes which include a gold Passport to Soul card and a Roots gift certificate. Cover charge is $5.

Total Living Mature Singles is having a mid-High Holidays dance on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre with **Norm Derrin** and his orchestra. There will be refreshments and prizes. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $5 members, $6 non-members.....A general meeting is set for Sunday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m., also at Earl Bales Community Centre. An entertaining program is arranged featuring talented Hawaiian dancers. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members.

On Friday, Sept. 20, **Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents Group** is holding an Oneg Shabbat in the temple board room. Guest speaker **Rabbi James Prosnit** will discuss The Days of Awe. Join the group for late service at 8.30 p.m. and stay for a discussion of the rabbi's sermon later in the board room.

If you are interested in bowling, meeting single people 20-40 and having a good time, then join **Club Kinneret** for bowling on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 3.45 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. (west off Dufferin, north of Lawrence) and find out about league bowling. For more information, contact **Sharon** at 783-25 14 or **Jeff** at 483-9331 (days).

JCC Northern Branch Singles 40 Plus group invites you to meet **Mike and Eve Ryczke** of Sabra Circle Introduction Ltd., a unique and confidential service. Learn about what they do and how they do it. The date is Monday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. at the northern JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost is $1 members, $2 non-members.

at the jcc

Common Sense Approach to Parenting is a course being offered by the Jewish Community Centre adult program department, 4588 Bathurst St. The text used is Children the Challenge by **Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs**. The 8-session course will be given mornings from 9.30-11, beginning Monday, Oct. 21, or evenings from 7.30-9, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 15. The instructor is **Adrienne Slan**, parent study group leader and former teacher. Fee is $45 for JCC members, $60 for non-members. For further information, call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880.

How to set career goals, networking, interviewing skills and such will be covered in the 8-session Career Assessment and Planning course beginning Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 7.30-9 p.m. The instructor will be a highly qualified Jewish Vocational Service staff member. The fee is $45 for JCC members, $60 non-members, plus $15 material fee. Call Georgine Nash for information.

Clownology, an unusual course with **Shane Farberman** (Doodoo the Clown) will give you the opportunity to learn the technology of clowning, make-up, magic, short skits, balloon animal sculpting and the art of dress-up. The course runs for five sessions commencing Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 8.15-9.15 p.m. The fee is $20 JCC members, $35 non-members. Call Georgine Nash.

A basic writing skills workshop is arranged for Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7.30 p.m. Learn to understand others better and to communicate your own ideas more effectively. The course, taught by a qualified and experienced Special Education teacher, will take a "common sense" approach, using materials such as newspapers and magazines. Enrolment is limited, so register now. For more information, call Georgine Nash at 636-1880, ext. 323 (TTY 636-5510).

Reva Stern, artistic director of the Leah Posluns Theatre, has confirmed the opening date of Oct. 17 for the world premiere of the Broadway-bound musical Dori, based on the life of **Theodore Herzl**, who was affectionately referred to as Dori. The production, with a cast of over 40, set in the splendor of turn-of-the-century Vienna, is by noted writer, director and poet **Eric Blau**, creator of Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris.

The JCC North-East Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., invites you and your family to a Succoth celebration on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 2-4 p.m.

Decorate the succah and enjoy holiday arts and crafts, a puppet show, pony rides, bingo and foods of the season. The fee is $5 member families, $7 non-members. For more information, call the JCC office at 889-0813.

About People

CANTOR SEVERIN WEINGORT

Cantor Severin Weingort of Temple Sinai has been elected first vice-president of the American Conference of Cantors, one of the largest international organizations dedicated to the certification of professional standards of cantors.

TO SPEAK AT WORLD CONFERENCE

Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will be one of the speakers at the international 2nd World Congress of Disabled People taking place in Nassau, Bahamas, on Sept. 22. His topic — Handicapped and Faith.

Watch for ...

C.J.N. Fashion Supplement

Oct. 24th

DISCUSSION

Rabbis and Israel Bonds chairmen attended a meeting where Matityahu Adler, (centre) vice-president of Bar-Ilan University, discussed the difference of commitment to Israel from Jews in North America and from Jews in Israel. With him, organizing the gathering to launch a successful High Holiday appeal, left to right, are Michael Feldman, Rabbi Moses J. Burak, Bonds synagogue chairman Alex Eisen, and co-chairman of the general campaign Paul Slavens. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

INFORMATION

At a private luncheon meeting, Simcha Dinitz, former Israel ambassador to the U.S., gave Pioneer Women Na'amat new insight into how Israel is meeting its current challenges. From left to right are Pearl Mekler, immediate past national chairman; Irma Ziskin, national Adopt-A-Child chairman; Etty Danzig, national vice-president; Simcha Dinitz, Norma Barkin, president, Toronto, and hostess Louise Cornblum, Toronto vice-president. [Graphic Artists photo]

GUESS WHO?

Never have a party without a celebrity! "Look alike" Chaim Herzog, president of Israel, in the person of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) Toronto Chapter program chairman Victor Sefton (right) shakes hands with PNAI national vice-president Charles King, Canadian regional representative, as Mrs. King cuts her birthday cake. It all took place at the 4th annual picnic at Niagara-on-the-Lake recently, attended by 50 members of the Toronto Chapter and 25 from Buffalo. At present PNAI has 39 chapters in North America with over 3,000 family memberships. Parents of children living in Israel are eligible for membership. For information call Minabelle Haneford at 633-5136.

MEDICAL GIFT

Dr. Amir Szeinberg, (centre) of Tel Hashomer Hospital came to Toronto two years ago to study and research pulmonary medicine. He also wanted to raise funds for a pocket sporometer, which is used to measure the lung capacity of respiratory patients so that they can be effectively treated. With the help of the Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer, funds were raised for the purchase of the medical equipment which was presented to Dr. Szeinberg prior to his return to Israel. Making the presentation are Philip Covshoff (left) and Pearl Grundland, both members of the Canadian Friends. A private viewing of the Precious Legacy is arranged for Monday, Sept. 23. For tickets and information, call 669-6325.

Organizations and People

Ont. rights body reports big increase in complaints

TORONTO —

The Ontario Human Rights Commission has reported a substantial increase over the past year in formal complaints of discrimination as well as an increase in commission initiatives designed to foster tolerance in the community.

In a 99-page annual report released recently, the commission noted it received 1,599 complaints of discrimination in its 1984-85 fiscal year, a jump of 29% over 1983-84.

Complaints on the grounds of physical or mental handicap accounted for 27% of the total, with the next most frequent grounds — on the basis of race or color — accounting for 21% of the total.

Discrimination on the basis of sex and age were the next most frequent reasons for complaints.

The commission, whose aim is to create a climate of understanding and respect for the dignity of every person, launched a number of programs to preempt discrimination.

On Feb. 7, 1985, the commission sponsored its first formal conference for 125 senior executives of business and industry. The seminar, the report states, was designed "to dispel a number of myths about the impact of human rights legislation on business" and to provide an opportunity for the participants to exchange information about programs and policies which could assist them in complying with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

On Nov. 7, 1984, the commission held the first in a series of community consultations in London, Ont. Close to 100 community representatives from London, Sarnia, Chatham, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Brantford and Hamilton met and discussed common goals and issues of regional concern.

In Toronto, Canon Borden Purcell, chairman of the commission, addressed the opening meeting of the Ontario Avisory Council on Multiculturalism and on Dec. 10, 1984, he was the keynote speaker at a special commemorative solidarity hunger fast for Soviet Jewry at the Legislative Building.

On the international front, Purcell traveled to the Soviet Union with a Canadian delegation which included an MPP, a journalist and a clergyman. The purpose of the trip was to visit Refusenik communities in Moscow, Leningrad and Riga.

Upon his return, the report states Purcell spoke and wrote publicly about the trip, emphasizing the need for Canada to insist that the Soviet Union live up to the obligations inherent in the Helsinki Accords.

The report also refers to the debate triggered by the Royal Commission report on equality in employment, headed by Judge Rosalie Abella, which studied the employment status of women, Native people, the disabled and visible minorities in Crown corporations.

Turning to an assessment of discrimination based on region, the report noted that the Toronto Central region, which extends from downtown Toronto north past Lake Simcoe, experienced an increase in complaints alleging discrimination because of race and color, relative to complaints on other grounds.

The report added there has been an increase in complaints from members of groups which traditionally did not approach the commission, such as from Southeast Asian communities.

Turning to Scarborough, the report pointed to complaints arising from the dissemination of hate literature against Chinese-Canadians. In May, 1984, it adds, it was reported that derogatory comments about Chinese-Canadians were being expressed by white residents of Agincourt.

In response, the race relations division of the commission assisted a committee of the Scarborough City Council address race relations and multicultural issues. The report also cited other projects of community outreach in which the commission sought to defuse racial and ethnic tensions, such as its special youth employment project of the summer of 1984.

Another outreach project cited in the report centres on efforts to develop a coordinated educational response to address negative stereotypes arising out of community concerns about group homes for the disabled, ex-psychiatric patients and ex-offenders.

The commission, in its report, acknowledged the end of the term of office of Rabbi Gunther Plaut, a commission vice-chairman, and of Dr. Albin Jousse and Sam Ion.

Four new commissioners were appointed for 3-year terms: John Bennett, Catherine Frazee, Leslie Blake-Cote and Lou Ronson.

Ronson, chairman of the board of Workwear Corporation of Canada, has been the recipient of numerous humanitarian awards, including the National Human Relations Award — Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Ronson was also chairman of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

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Choice called biggest threat

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

People's need to choose between two extremes is the biggest threat to Judaism, says the dean of the faculty of social sciences at Bar-Ilan University in Israel.

"In Jewish life today people feel they must choose between the secular and the religious," Harvey Babkoff, recently told 30 graduates of Toronto Jewish Teachers Seminary and their guests at the graduation exercises held at Ulpanot Orot.

Babkoff said that the media have polarized our thoughts and have made us feel that the centre is impossible. He told the graduates that as teachers, it is their job to "provide a flow of ideas — social, political and religious."

He added that students should learn in an intellectual milieu that teaches them to study all positions, not merely the extremes.

"Your major challenge as teachers is to help students grow both as a group and as individuals," Babkoff said.

With teachers playing such an important role in students' lives, it is a shame that Israeli universities are suffering due to financial constraints, he said in an interview after the exercise. "Every university is facing severe cut-backs and Bar-Ilan is no exception," he noted.

Babkoff said that teachers' jobs are in jeopardy at his university, adding that the music therapy program completely due to government cutbacks. He said that he fears other programs will also be dropped.

"We need all the help we can get," Babkoff said.

Irwin Witty, director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, spoke to his graduates, emphasizing that teachers do indeed affect students' lives.

Campaign HOT-line

Harry Binder addresses opening Societies Division meeting and gets undivided attention from Moshe Gur, Jack Gwartz and Henry Yoskowich.

The weekly campaign hot-line is open for business, highlighted people and events that are all part of the 1986 United Jewish Appeal campaign story.

There's so much going on, it's difficult to know where to begin. Since Super Sunday really heralds the opening of the campaign in the community, we'll start there.

David Blank, Alan and Lorraine Sandler, Super Sunday Chairman and Vice-chairmen, are still walking two feet off the ground. And they well deserve to bask in the glow of success for a job so well done.

Despite the fact that so many members of the community usually visit the cemetery on that particular Sunday before the High Holidays, and despite the fact that a great many telephone callbacks had to be made before there was contact with a contributor, **over 7,000 cards** were successfully covered during the 12-hour telethon, resulting in a total of **more than $1 million** for the day.

What a terrific beginning to the general campaign!

Congratulations to everyone involved . . . committee members, the more than 500 volunteers who came out, and UJA staffers who were on hand for the entire 12 hours.

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Moshe Gur, Director of the English-speaking Department at Keren Hayesod, has returned to Israel after spending several weeks in Toronto.

He was the keynote speaker at the opening meeting of the Societies Division . . . a record turnout of 80 presidents and chairmen. **Harry Binder,** who again heads the division, addressed the meeting, as did 1986 campaign chairman, **Jack Gwartz,** and Treasury Gifts Chairman, **Henry Yoskowich.**

Moshe Gur is a man who tells it like it is. He doesn't hedge or mince words. He spelled out the enormous economic and social problems facing Israel today, emphasizing the urgency for greater support from world Jewry to make up for cutbacks in the Jewish Agency budget.

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While here, Gur addressed UJA senior staff as well. He said that although Jews are accustomed to reacting to crises in Israel, this year, he told the fund-raisers, was the most economically critical in the history of the Jewish state, not taking into account the cost of absorbing thousands of Ethiopian Jews. World Jewry, he said, must respond as never before.

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Another special guest in our midst was **Joel Berkowitz,** a Bostonian who is New Gifts Chairman for United Jewish Appeal National. He was here to conduct a Canvasser Institute on two consecutive evenings.

Berkowitz pointed out that Toronto UJA is considered a leader among North American Jewish communities, not only in the amount of money raised but in the excellence of programs offered for canvassers and others in the community.

Thanks, Joel! It's good to hear those words from a fellow Jew from south of the border, especially one so knowledgeable.

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Response to our "Precious Legacy" preview last week was totally overwhelming.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions of space, we were forced to disappoint so many canvassers who requested tickets for this special event.

We apologize to all those we were unable to accommodate.

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A happy, healthy, peaceful New Year to you and yours from all of us at United Jewish Appeal.

L'shana Tova.

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School to honor Himels

TORONTO —

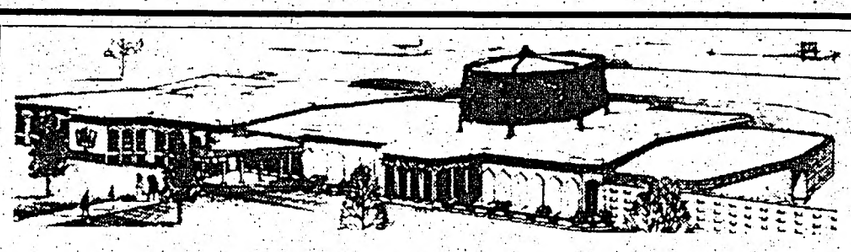
Ben and Edith Himel will be honored with the naming of the new Bialik preschool building at a dedication ceremony on Sept. 22.

The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at 12 Viewmount Ave., behind the present school. Refreshments will follow.

The brand new building enables Bialik to move out of rented quarters in the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and bring all students into one location. With eight classrooms, the new quarters will be able to house both junior and senior kindergartens.

The structure includes a rooftop playground and a large gymnasium accessible to all grades.

For more information, phone Ariel Waldman at 783-3346.



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Organizations and People

Ghan-Firestone, Rimler to usher in Yom Kippur

Women to chant Kol Nidre at 2 Toronto shuls

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Each year on the eve of Yom Kippur, Jews around the world chant the Kol Nidre, said to be one of the holiest of songs. This year in Toronto, at least two synagogues will feature Kol Nidre, respectfully, with a twist: women will be singing it.

At the Congregation Habonim, a Conservative shul at 12 Hollaman Rd., guest cantor Esther Ghan-Firestone, listed in the Encyclopedia of Music as the first female cantor in North America, will be doing the honors.

And at Holy Blossom Temple, no stranger to female cantors, Katrina Rimler will usher in Yom Kippur with the stirring hymn.

Both women admit they're a bit nervous, although this won't be the first time for Ghan-Firestone.

A soprano who began cantorial singing in 1961 at Oakville's Beth El Synagogue, Ghan-Firestone is perhaps better known to many as a one-time feature performer on CBC radio's Startime with then Toronto Symphony Orchestra conductor Paul Sherman and later, on the CBC Stereo Sunday night show Stardust, with violinist Albert Pratz.

She's made guest appearances with the Toronto Symphony, the Buffalo Philharmonic and had her opera debut with the CBC Opera Company as Musetta in La Boheme, then followed with several operetta roles on radio.

Why radio? For one thing, she didn't have the time away from her family for long stage rehearsals, and two, she can't wear contact lenses in place of her glasses and there are no opera personae that sport spectacles.

More recently, she helped form the JCC Singers and launch the group's recent debut album.

If it's any consolation, the mother of six is much more widely known in, of all places, Japan. Together with her daughter Hillary, Ghan-Firestone has cut two English language instruction LPs, called Let's Sing English Songs and Let's Sing English Folk Songs, both huge hits with Japanese school children.

A native of Winnipeg, Ghan-Firestone broke ground 24 years ago by taking up cantorial duties at the Beth El (now the Shaarei Beth El) because the synagogue couldn't afford a choral director and cantor. So she served as both and became the first woman to sing Kol Nidre in Canada.

Not bad for someone who didn't take a voice lesson until she was 18. It was her uncle, Sherman Ghan, a blind violinist, who detected a singing talent in his niece and persuaded her parents to let her study at Toronto's Royal Conservatory. She's made a living with her voice ever since.

Ghan-Firestone will be sharing the cantorial duties with Cantor Albert Feldman at the Congregation Habonim, where she's already conducted a few Friday night services and is serving as guest cantor for 1985-86.

"I get nervous every time I'm in front of an audience," a diminutive (barely five feet) though energetic Ghan-Firestone told The CJN in an interview, "but I enjoy cantorial singing more than anything."

She'll be reciting Kol Nidre the three customary times, the first in its traditional form and the second and third times in a recently revised manner.

She said almost all worshippers readily accept her as a real cantor, although the main quibble is that she isn't ordained (there are no ordained female cantors in Canada and only a handful in the U.S.).

Katrina Rimler, on the other hand, is at home at Holy Blossom, where she's conducted daily services on and off since 1970.

Although Rimler has led Yom Kippur services the past four years, this will be her first time singing Kol Nidre, in the temple's Eisendrath Auditorium.

The 66-year-old mezzo-soprano aspired to be an opera singer in her native Hungary, but events during World War II changed that. In 1948, she immigrated to London and in 1955, she settled in Canada.

Katrina Rimler

Esther Ghan-Firestone

As a Reform shul, the Holy Blossom welcomes female religious leaders. The temple has a woman rabbi and has featured female guest cantors.

It was the synagogue's one-time cantor Sheldon Merel who took Rimler, then with the temple choir, under his wing and provided voice and liturgical lessons using tape recordings. Soon after, she began chanting portions of the Torah.

A retired office manager, Rimler told The CJN she was honored to have been offered the coveted Kol Nidre guest spot.

As for being a woman in a traditionally male role, Rimler is philosophical: "People generally resent change, but whoever has the ability— why not?"

She has but one regret— that she's too advanced in years to attend the School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College in New York, where North American cantors are ordained after four years of rigorous training.

In the meantime, Rimler says she'll settle on cantorial singing being a simple labor of love.

Story of Grant on videocassettes

TORONTO —

Videocassette copies of Charlie Grant's War, the story of a Canadian whose actions saved the lives of hundreds of Austrian Jews during the 1930s, are now available across Canada.

CBC Enterprises, the marketing arm of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. is distributing the 2-hour program through Canadian video dealers.

Shocked and horrified by the rising tide of anti-semitism in war-torn Vienna, Grant used his position as a diamond broker to obtain illegal passports and safe passage out of Europe for hundreds of Jews. Arrested by the Gestapo, he was imprisoned in some of the most notorious concentration camps in Europe.

Videocassette copies of Charlie Grant's War are now available for rental or purchase (suggested retail price $69.95) from local video dealers across the country.

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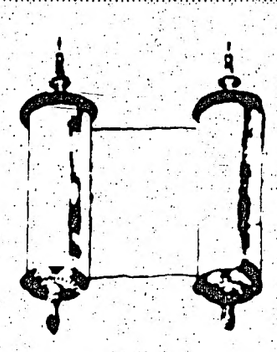

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Shabbat Shuvah/Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is coming — great day of forgiveness.

But we have to make a cheshbon hanefesh — am I the Jew I should be?

A chassid cried to Reb Chaim of Sanz that he cannot do Teshuva (return to G-d). He is so burdened with sins that there is no way back.

Answered Reb Chaim: "No Teshuva is also a Teshuva."

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Who does not have an account with G-d? Who does not have a list of transgressions, omissions and guilt that he does not have to make good?

This is the time. G-d waits.

But there has to be fire, a heart, hitlahavut!

Reb Yaakov David Slutzker was reknowned as a great darshan, whose sermons could turn whole congregations to tears. Once for Sabbath Shuvah, he was invited to deliver an address in a certain community in Kurland, not known for its piety.

The rabbi spoke and spoke — but nothing. The people stayed as cold as when he began.

Afterwards, when he was asked about the icy responses, he answered: "My task is to open the knob open of the barrel. But if the barrel is empty, what can I do?"

The Dubner Maggid answered similiarly: "My task is like a smith who fans the bellows to make the spark glow and grow hot. But if there is not even a spark, all the blowing and bellowing won't help.

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Every Jew has a spark of holiness. However low we fall, however cold our neshamas have gotten, however tangled we are in VCRs, and WHAMs and SHMAMs and Acapulcos and business and pursuit of wealth and pleasure; however much we are flooded with a culture wave that says "Today! Today! Now! Here and quickly!"

"Mayim rabim lo yuchlu lechabot et ha'ahavah. . . . Many waters cannot quench the love. . . ."

In every Jew there is a spark of holiness, a flame of G-d, burning like an eternal, silent pilot light, trembling, flashing, blinding — waiting to be ignited back to its source in the Almighty.

That holiness, that neshama, pines in the depths of every Jewish heart. "Me! When will it be my turn!? Bring me closer to G-d Feed me a mitzvah! Teach me Torah! Cleanse me! Purify me! Give me life!"

It's time to do Teshuvah.

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But if our neshamas are ice? How can we warm them? Our hearts are stone? How to soften them?

Prayer. We have to talk to G-d like little children. "Ribono shel Olam, bring us back. . . .

Reb Yitzchak Volozhiner once saw a Jew praying with great haste — before he started he was almost done. Reb Yitzchak summoned the Jew and reproved him.

Answered the man: "But rebbe, when a wagon travels slowly, the hoodlums can jump on. (When you pray slowly, outside thoughts interfere with the concentration.)

Answered the rebbe: "And when the wagon goes too fast, even you yourself can't jump on."

May we be united in all blessing soon. Easy as ABC — Good Shabbes.

Bagley praised for helping Israel

Bonds honors Beth Sholom cantor

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO

The Israel Bonds campaign at the Beth Sholom Synagogue swung into high gear last week with a tribute dinner in honor of Cantor David Bagley.

The 300 people who crowded into the synagogue's dining hall heard speaker after speaker bestow praise on the Beth Sholom's chazan and on his past efforts on behalf of Israel.

Alex Grossman, co-chairman of the State of Israel Bonds campaign in Toronto, set the evening's musical motif when, in referring to Bagley, he said "when music comes from the heart, it goes to the heart."

He cited the cantor's "genuine concern" for Israel and his work for the Jewish state through music. He presented Bagley with the Twelve Tribes of Israel Award in appreciation of his participation and leadership in the Bonds campaign.

The guest of honor told the audience he was "not worthy of these honors" and so he accepted on behalf of all chazanim.

Using Midrashic homilies that contrasted important aspects of life, he referred to his own experience in coming from a Second World War concentration camp to the United States — from ashes to freedom.

He told the attentive audience that we as Jews were privileged to see the establishment of the State of Israel. Again using the Midrash as his source, he said we must dedicate ourselves both to the youth of Israel and to the needs of the elderly.

Likewise, he said, we must be concerned with both the widows and orphans of Israel and with the high technology industry necessary for the country's economic development.

Earlier, in a comprehensive survey of the situation in Israel, Alex Serota, the synagogue's accountant, reminded the dinner-goers of the Jewish state's problems and hardships. Injecting a note of optimism in a generally gloomy report, he said Israel, in the past, has tackled its problems successfully. Today, he added, we can help by "buying Israel Bonds" and helping the country create a firm economic infrastructure.

Bonds, he continued, are a loan to help Israel create the conditions to stop emigration and boost its economy.

"Not one person in this room will miss a theatre evening or a holiday" if they purchase Bonds, he added.

Rabbi Harvey Meirovich of the Beth Sholom spoke of "giving thanks concretely" for the privilege of witnessing the rebirth of the Third Jewish Commonwealth. He reminded those present that the blessings of Israel we enjoy in the Diaspora are paid for by the sacrifice of others, and that we must be vitally concerned with the plight of Jews there.

Gideon Saguy, Israel's consul general in Ontario, referred to the national stocktaking by Jews around Rosh Hashanah and reminded the audience that, at great cost, Israel remains a refuge for Jews from the Soviet Union, Iran, South Africa and Ethiopia.

Other speakers included Arthur Lipton, the Beth Sholom's president, Marshall Folk, chairman of the synagogue's Bonds effort and Carl Winer, first vice-president of Beth Sholom. New York-based folksinger Judy Steel provided entertainment, while Cantor Ben Maissner sang O Canada and Cantor Louis Danto led the Birkat Hamazon.

Cantor David Bagley (2nd from left) received the Twelve Tribes of Israel Award recently at an Israel Bonds tribute dinner in his honor. Seen here with the cantor are Frank Cadesky, dinner chairman (left), Alex Grossman, Toronto Bonds chairman (2nd from right) and Marshall Folk, chairman of the synagogue's Bonds effort (right).

Ceremony set for WWII fallen

TORONTO —

The General Wingate Branch No. 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be holding its annual Memorial Day at Mt. Sinai Cemetery on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the General Wingate Branch Cenotaph, Jewish War Veterans Memorial Park Section.

On this annual occasion, homage is paid to the 428 Jewish men and one woman who lost their lives during active service in Canada's armed forces during World War II, and whose names are engraved on granite plaques which are part of the Cenotaph.

The ceremony which begins at 11 a.m. will have as its keynote speaker Rabbi David Monson, chaplain of the branch for many years and himself a veteran of World War II overseas service in the Royal Canadian Corps of Chaplains.

Representatives of Israel and Yugoslav consulates will be in attendance as will dignitaries from municipal, provincial and federal governments who will address those assembled or lay wreaths. Kaddish and El Mole Rachamim will be recited during the ceremony and the shofar will be blown.

The ceremony will be preceded by a parade which will fall in at Denison Armouries, Dufferin St., south of Wilson Ave., at 9.30 a.m. led by Branch No. 66 of the Royal Canadian Legion. The parade will include members of the General Wingate Branch, The Jewish War Veterans of Canada as well as members of other veterans organizations.

During the parade the salute will be taken by Sydney Shulemson, DSO, DFC (former RCAF ace Beaufighter Commander and Flight Lieutenant), acknowledged as Canada's most highly decorated Jewish serviceman in World War II.

The General Wingate Branch has invited the public, families of the fallen during World War II as well as other fellow veterans to participate. Further information may be obtained by calling 782-5024.

Family Ties program assists Winnipeggers

WINNIPEG —

The Jewish Child and Family Service here has a new program designed to insure that elderly people whose children have left Winnipeg are continuing to manage on their own. The Family Ties program is aimed at preventing crisis by identifying needs at an early stage and providing communication among family members.

There is a lot of worry and guilt in leaving Winnipeg when parents are getting older and there is no one there to make sure they are functioning independently, the organization says. Through Family Ties, a social worker will assess abilities, visit the elderly person on a regular basis, and let out-of-town family know how they're getting along.

The anxiety of living so far away is lessened when the adult children know that a professional person is regularly in touch with their parents to see that they are able to manage independently, says JC & FS.

The basic arrangement of the Family Ties program is a contract between the agency and the out-of-town relatives.

Advertisements are being placed in many Canadian and American centres where former Winnipeggers reside. Family Ties brochures are available through Jewish Child and Family Service at 1001-228 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3B 1M7 (204) 943-6425.

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(Workman's Circle Section)

Organizations and People

Pledges mount up

Super Sunday telethon a "triumphant effort"

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Good old-fashioned man (woman) power, along with computer technology, proved to be an unbeatable combination at the fifth annual United Jewish Appeal Super Sunday telethon, held in the Lipa Green Building.

Almost the entire UJA staff was on hand throughout the 12-hour day, processing and entering pledges into computers as soon as canvassers completed their calls during the four 3-hour shifts.

"We knew hour by hour exactly where we stood as the figures began to mount up," said Super Sunday chairman, David Blank.

And mount up they did, with more than $1 million in pledges chalked up and over 7,000 cards at day's end.

From every standpoint, said Blank, it was "a triumphant effort." More than that, it was a thoroughly satisfying and enjoyable community exercise for the more than 500 volunteers who participated, he added.

The majority of those who took the time to sum up their impressions on evaluation forms expressed positive feelings of accomplishment and of being part of an extremely important community endeavor.

"The complaints we did receive were of a minor nature," Blank said. "Most of them concerned the noise level in the telephone centre. With 100 phones going at once, and so much background activity, it is just about impossible to keep the noise down to a comfortable level."

Each of the half-hour training sessions, organized and conducted under the supervision of Carol Kassel, featured a 6-minute video clip on Operation Moses, which gave canvassers some basic insight into the enormous challenge of this dramatic exodus of Ethiopian Jews.

The seemingly endless flow and variety of snacks (all donated) provided a source of renewed energy, particularly for the many who chose to stay on for extra shifts. Among those who were there for the entire day were Didi Urbach, Clara Tepner, Elaine Steiner and Elaine Fink.

The 1986 UJA leadership was well represented including Jack and Judy Gwartz, Max and Anne Handelman, Paul and Gella Rothstein, Jeff and Sheila Engel, Les and Judy Scheininger, Henry and Julia Koschitzky, Sid and Brenda Chelsky and many others.

The Synagogue Division, headed by Charles Kasner and David West, had a table of phones set aside for its canvassers, as did Women's Division, Young Adults, Physicians and Business & Professional Women's Network.

More visible than at any previous UJA Super Sunday, were the youngsters, who acted as courtesy and card-sorters, chalking up considerable mileage between the telephone, administrative and computer sections.

Footsore, but happy with results as the long day unfolded, were Super Sunday vice-chairmen, Alan and Lorraine Sandler, neither of whom took time out for a break, except for quick snacks.

Concensus on Super Sunday 85? "The best one yet," say organizers. The feedback from participating volunteers confirms the good feeling that was evident throughout the day.

In their comments, the volunteers praised the "professional" way all elements of the day were organized and run, and many expressed their intention to participate again next year.

Justine Tissenbaum, hoisted on the shoulder of Super Sunday chairman David Blank, makes the victory sign, as totals mount up. Shown with them are Alan and Lorraine Sandler. [Graphic Artists photo]

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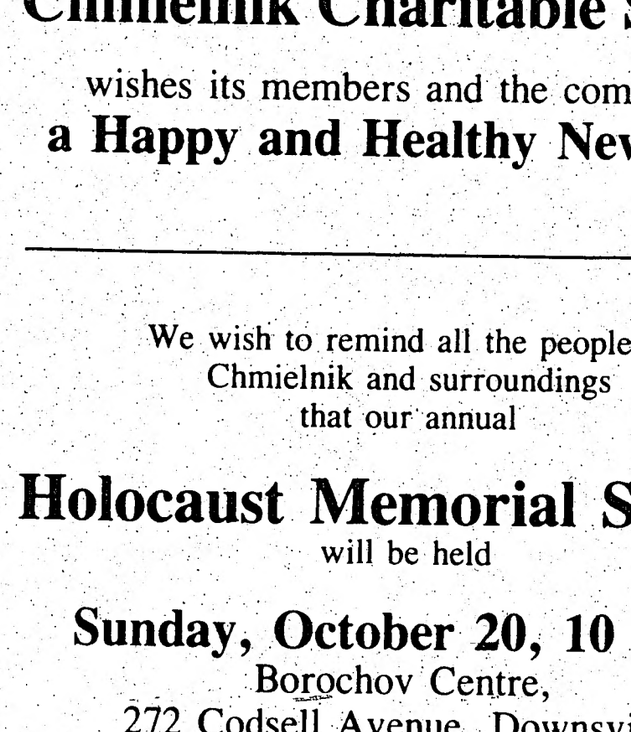

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Organizations and People

Former air force commander reassures audience

Over 1,000 turn out to honor soldiers of Israel

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Despite the opulent gaiety, fine food and expensive clothes, the presence of General Mordechai (Motty) Hod, former commander of Israel's Air Force, injected a serious note at the recent Tribute Dinner to the Soldiers of Israel's Defence Forces.

More than 1,000 people paid $125 each to attend the annual dinner organized by the Toronto branch of the Association For Welfare of Soldiers in Israel.

They came to celebrate their appreciation of the members of the IDF by dining, dancing and raising funds for Toronto House, a wing of bedrooms to be added to the Beersheba Soldiers Centre.

"No nation gets its independence on a silver platter, it is paid for with lives and limbs," said Irving Matlow, chairman of the association. "This evening, we pay tribute to all the men and women of the IDF.

"We have to remember that as long as there are Zundels here and in the rest of the world we need the IDF," said dinner chairman Jack Muskat.

"General Hod, you can take a message back with you," Muskat added. "Toronto House is going to be completed and before schedule."

Muskat said this year's dinner was the biggest yet and the response was greater than organizers had anticipated. He praised the planning committee (Mickey Baratz, Irving Buchbinder, Max Moneta and Charlotte Muskat) as well as many other volunteers for their efforts.

The dinner was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, and the hall was decorated with a Hebrew sign behind the head table which said: "From the entire nation to every soldier in every place, always."

Another banner proclaimed: "The heart of the people is with its soldiers." And in the foyer, large photographs of soldiers were hung to remind guests of the reason for the festivities.

Music for the evening came from a group consisting of several violinists and an accordian player, and the Alan Cohen Orchestra.

Also part of the program was a video presentation titled Together. The film shows how the association serves the soldiers through the creation of clubs, giving presents, operating roadside kiosks, hospital visits and with mobile entertainment centres called bidurit.

After opening remarks by the chairmen, greetings from Consul General of Israel Gideon Saguy and an invocation and hamotzi by Rabbi David Monson, guests feasted on a 5-course kosher meal including Roast Ontario Capon, a Harvest of Vegetables and Manitoba Wild Rice.

Following dinner, Matlow added his own praise to those who had contributed their time, noting the efforts of the office staff and their director Teddy Fialkov, Gordon Mendly, Carol Baratz, Matlow's wife Esther, Rabbi David Monson and many others.

He also made special mention of Mrs. Yetta Cohen, benefactor of the tribute dinner.

Mrs. Cohen, who had been unwell but still managed to attend the dinner, contributed $100,000 to the association this year, and last year.

In recognition of her generosity, the association presented Mrs. Cohen with a plaque bearing the crests of all the units of the IDF.

But it was Hod, dressed in officer's uniform, who became the centre of attention. Rather than presenting a formal speech, the former air force commander and architect of Israel's stunning victory in the skies during the Six Day War spoke loosely and affectionately about his homeland and its national health.

"Israel is not much more than a dot on the map of the world but what it lacks in size, it makes up in other aspects," said Hod. He then joked that Israel generates a disproportionate flow of news and is the only country where almost every member of the populace believes himself or herself to be a potential prime minister.

"There is no other country in the world where the word peace is said so often as in Israel," Hod said seriously, "and no other country where peace is so vital for survival."

In a world where most UN nations still do not recognize Israel and which has only lately learned the lessons of terrorism long recognized in Israel, the demands on Israel's budget for defence are immense, he said.

That need compels a massive budget for military research and development and a miniscule budget for industrial research and development he noted. "If we could invest in industrial R & D rather than military R & D imagine what could be done for the economy."

The tall, soft-spoken retired officer closed his remarks by reassuring the audience that Israel is still healthy despite its problems, and congratulated the association on its contribution to the soldiers.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Hod (accompanied by Lou Lenart, the new North American representative of the association), emphasized the value of Toronto House in light of the peace treaty with Egypt and the subsequent redeployment of the IDF which has made Beersheba a major centre in the south.

He said the volunteer aspect of the organization gives it a special flavor and that it fulfils a need that never ends. He also mentioned the joy of being reunited with a non-Jewish, Canadian friend, Dennis Wilson, who volunteered during Israel's War of Independence.

General Hod was born in Kibbutz Degania in 1926. He is married and has three children.

A member of the Palmach, Hod was among the first Israeli pilots to train in Czechoslovakia in 1948. From 1950 on he served as a fighter pilot and became commanding officer in 1966. He held this rank until retirement in 1973.

He served as an advisor during the Yom Kippur War and in various defence and air transport administration and consulting positions since. In 1977 El Al's board of directors appointed him president.

Since 1979, Hod has been president of Hodin Consulting and Investment Ltd., a company with connections to the aerospace industry.

Matlow expects construction of Toronto House to ultimately cost as much as $2 million and asks for a lot of support. For more information, phone the association at (416) 783-3050.

General Mordechai Hod, dinner chairman Jack Muskat (centre), and chairman of the Toronto branch of the Association For Welfare of Soldiers in Israel, Irving Matlow admire photographs of members of IDF during annual Tribute Dinner. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Organizations and People

Housing for families, seniors and disabled

Dignitaries laud NCJW project

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
The rain couldn't stop the parade of political and Jewish community luminaries congratulating the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section Foundation, at the recent groundbreaking for its Bathurst-Prince Charles Housing Project.

The $10 million building, scheduled to open next spring, will provide integrated housing for seniors, families and the disabled. NCJW Toronto Section Foundation is the owner, sponsor and manager of the project, which is financed by a $10 million loan guaranteed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Tridel Corporation is the builder.

Elinor Caplan, chairman of the management board of the province of Ontario, who represented Premier David Peterson, told the 200 guests, "We could hold a cabinet meeting here," as they reassembled at Council House after a sudden shower pelted down on VIP hard hats at the site.

Headed up by federal Minister of State for Finance Barbara McDougall, representing Labor and Housing Minister William McKnight, the speakers included:

• Four provinical cabinet ministers: Caplan; John Sweeney, minister of community and social services; Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations; and Attorney-General Ian Scott.

• Former provincial cabinet minister and Conservative leadership candidate Dennis Timbrell.

• Present and former Willowdale MPs John Oostrom and Jim Peterson.

• North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

• CMHC Toronto district manager Ken Holder. Holder.

• Canadian Jewish Congress president Milton Harris and Toronto Jewish Congress president Ron Appleby.

• Tridel vice-president (construction) Tony Moro.

Scott, spotting Timbrell deep in conversation with Eglinton MPP and Conservative Party president David McFadden, joked that Council had managed to shut down not only the provincial government for the afternoon — but also the Conservative leadership race.

Amid the jokes and politicking came unstinting praise for the efforts of the women of Council, particularly the presidents of the Toronto Section, Nita Goldband and the Toronto Section Foundation, Patti Starr.

The project, at Bathurst and Prince Charles Drive in North York, is unusual in a number of ways:

• It will integrate families, seniors and disabled with differing needs ranging from wheelchair access to attendant care and training in basic living skills.

• It will be owned and managed by a volunteer group. As Goldband said, "This represents a turning point for us. Previously we have fostered individual projects, like junior kindergartens in North York, and then turned them over to other organizations.

"Now is the time to take on an even greater challenge. People will depend on us to maintain this project. We must show that a volunteer organization is capable of managing and maintaining a standard of excellence that can be emulated by professionals."

• The design of the 8-storey building will make it easy for Jewish residents to maintain their traditions.

The kitchen adjacent to the lounge — which will be used for teaching basic cooking skills — will be kosher, an elevator will be programmed so that it can be used on the Sabbath, and the stage in the multi-purpose room (which can double as a synagogue) is designed so that residents in wheelchairs can be called to the Torah during services.

"Thanks to the NCJW," Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said in a letter read by McDougall, "residents will have the opportunity to maintain their independence yet feel secure in the warmth of a community atmosphere."

In a pre-ceremony interview, McDougall told The Canadian Jewish News that the federal government finds the project exciting.

"The volunteer sector is so attuned to the needs of the community that it has an impact on us when people are willing to put their own time and effort into a project like this.

"We have been talking for a long time about integrating people with particular needs into the community as a whole. This is such a project.

"We think there are going to be some lessons to be learned from it," McDougall said.

In addition to the CMHC-guaranteed loan, NCJW will receive an annual federal operating subsidy to bring rents within the reach of tenants' incomes for the 35-year life of the mortgage. In the first year, the subsidy will total $767,159.

Holder, in recounting Starr's indefatigable efforts to get CMHC approval for the building in a time of constraint, noted that it had taken up 160 units of the 800 available for CMHC guarantees in the Toronto area in the past year.

"No one who was rejected had any complaints about this project's being approved," he said.

Starr praised the "concern and sensitivity" of Tridel executives, headed by chairman and chief executive officer Angelo del Zotto, in ensuring that the building would fit the residents' needs.

"Mediocrity is really a description for indifference, for not caring enough to try. This is a project of excellence."

Tridel vice-president Moro returned the compliment, noting that the project's final form resulted from "a blend of strong Italian construction men and determined Jewish women."

The government of Ontario, through the ministry of community and social services, has committed to provide $350,000 per year for the attendant care program and pledges of support came from both sides of the political fence.

Said COMSOC minister Sweeney: "We can provide the dollars, but we cannot provide the services. We will support what you have started."

And Timbrell, a former provincial minister of health, said: "Our role must be as facilitators, to help people to help themselves."

The praise flowed on:

• "Democracy is the achievement of extraordinary objectives by ordinary people. These people have made an extraordinary achievement," said Ian Scott.

• Milton Harris described the project as "a wonderful treasure for our community."

• "This is a group of women who will make it happen," said Monte Kwinter.

NCJW is "at the leading edge" in identifying social needs, Ron Appleby said.

"Their sheer persistence and determination has paid off," commented John Oostrom.

And Jim Peterson noted that the project had managed to survive two changes of government — one federal and one provincial.

But the last and best word came from Elinor Caplan: "I'm also here as a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women — and I couldn't be prouder."

Shoveling up good news for the Toronto Section Foundation NCJW at the groundbreaking for an integrated housing project are (from left): MP John Oostrom, Tridel chairman Angelo del Zotto, MPP Dennis Timbrell, community and social services minister John Sweeney, and Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations. Nita Goldband (centre, left) and Patti Starr hold the wheelbarrow. [Graphic Artists photo]

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"You are the guiding force"

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity draws praise

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Buoyed by announcements from their president that the Blue Jays were pulling ahead of the Tigers, the members of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity recently held their annual opening dinner.

The Alpha Omega fraternity was formed in 1907 for Jewish dental students and alumni. The first Toronto chapter formed in 1921 and the organization continues as an educational, social and charitable assembly of professionals.

More than 400 dentists and dental students came for the regular opening meeting and Israel Bonds drive held at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

And the exuberant din from his professional colleagues forced Terry Shapero, president of the Toronto alumni chapter to resort to threaten: "No more Blue Jay scores if I don't get attention."

New chapters formed

But Shapero somehow managed to mix the high spirits with fraternity business as he welcomed Arnold Peck, international president of the fraternity to Toronto.

And Peck, who flew in with his wife Sandy from Cincinnati, brought an encouraging message to the largest chapter of the fraternity.

"Your chapter has shown what can be done, you are the guiding force in our fraternity. You have an obligation to help other frats grow in your image and you must encourage your leadership to greater heights."

Peck informed the members the first Alpha Omega/Harry Sicher Memorial Lecture will be given in Chicago on Oct. 13 on periodontal prostheses.

Sicher was a world famous anatomist and physician from Vienna who escaped the Nazis and came to teach in a dental school in Chicago. Sicher bequeathed an endowment fund of $125,000 for educational lectures to a fraternity and a profession to which he did not belong, Peck said with admiration.

The international president also announced new chapters are being formed in Australia and New Orleans.

He added that current charitable contributions by the fraternity include $4 million for Tel Aviv University and donations to dental schools around the world.

In other business, Shapero presented the Saul Simon award to Dr. Lawrence Allen, and 50-year membership awards to Dr. Joseph Kay and Dr. Louis Oiffer.

Sheila Rodney, executive secretary of the fraternity explains that Alpha Omega was formed because Jews faced anti-semitism both in entering universities and joining non-Jewish fraternities.

Today, Jewish and non-Jewish dentists can become members if they accept the creed of the fraternity: Judaism, Professionalism and Fraternalism. There are chapters worldwide — alumni chapters for graduates and Pi chapters for dental students.

The calendar year runs from Aug. 1, to July 31 and includes a mixture of educational, social and fund raising events such as the special private showing of The Precious Legacy on Oct. 27 to support Israel Bonds.

Members maintain a frat house with a library available to both alumni and students who belong to the Pi chapter. Wives have their own organization called Alpha Omega Women.

The fraternity has participated in relief projects for Ethiopian Jews, and is active in the refurbishment campaign at the University of Toronto school of dentistry.

Any graduate dentist is eligible to join the alumni and any dental student is eligible to join Pi. For more information, phone: 782-7277.

From left to right: Dr. Terry Shapero, president of the Toronto alumni, Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and Shirley Switzman, president of Toronto Alpha Omega Women, welcome international president of Alpha Omega, Dr. Arnold Peck and his wife Sandy to the annual opening dinner.

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Organizations and People

Better for everyone

Saturday a day of rest for many plaza merchants

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — While Saturday is supposed to be a day of rest for the Jewish community, it is still "business as ususal" for some Jewish merchants. However, in Bathurst Manor Plaza in North York the Sabbath is honored by the majority of the merchants, with only eight of the many businesses remaining open.

Situated in the Bathurst-Sheppard area, Bathurst Manor Plaza includes 25 shops and services, including four which are are certified by Kashruth Division of Canadian Jewish Congress.

In interviews with The Canadian Jewish News, most of the merchants who have opted for Sunday shopping, cited economic and religious reasons for doing so and were pleased with the results.

David Goodbaum, general manager of Sunnybrook Foods, the plaza's chief drawing card, said that while they began opening on Sundays about three years ago, it was only recently that they began to close Saturdays.

Goodbaum said that this has benefited Sunnybrook, as many of their Jewish clientele were turned off by the fact Sunnybrook was open on the Sabbath. He said that despite the reduction in weekend business hours, they now do more business on Sundays than they used to do in the two days.

Harold Rotman, owner of Bathurst Manor Food Centre, the oldest establishment in the plaza, said he decided to reduce his weekend hours to Sundays 10 years ago for personal reasons.

Howard Cohen, owner of Man about Town, a men's clothing store, said the change in weekend hours began about a year ago after most of the merchants got together and decided to follow the route of the major stores.

As well as noticing a 20% increase in business, Cohen said the switch has also been better for him personally.

"Familywise, it's better as I can now go shopping on Saturday and have it free for my family," said Cohen.

Peter Ferens, owner/manager of PF Travel, said he originally decided to open his business on Sundays about two years ago in order to keep up with other Jewish travel agencies in the city who were open Sunday. After relocating in the plaza about four months ago, he said, it made sense to remain open as the majority of other stores did.

Like Cohen, Ferens cited the benefits of being able to spend more time with his family on Saturday and being able to shop when most shops are open in the city.

Ferens pointed out that being open Sunday is also advantageous for his clients as it allows couples to make their travel plans at a leisurely pace.

"People come in Sunday who don't have time during the week," he said. "They are ready to spend more time making travel plans then."

Eileen Isenberg, wife of Morris Isenberg's Shell service station in the plaza, was also pleased that her husband decided to close down Saturday.

"It's better for family life," she said. "It also lets my husband go to shul on Shabbes."

She said the service station began opening Sundays about a year ago when other merchants made the change and that it has been better for business.

Tibor Klein, owner of Focus Optical, one of the businesses which opened four months ago when the plaza expanded, said he remains closed on Saturday as he is Orthodox. He said he decided to locate in the plaza as it allowed him the choice of closing Saturdays.

Klein said that while Sunday business dropped off during the summer, he expects it to pick up soon.

Eli Goldberg, co-owner of Taam Tov Deli and Appetizers, another of the new businesses, also cited religious reasons for closing Saturday. Goldberg said that he is quite busy on Sunday.

Henry Kulbatski said that his wife Sophie, owner of The Wool & Knitting Boutique decided to open Sundays primarily because the other stores did so and that, being a new business, they are still experimenting with their store hours. He said that sometimes Sunday business has been uneven.

Lev Vekselstein, owner of Lev Jewellery & Gifts Ltd., said he only decided to close Saturdays as most of the other stores in the plaza do so and that he finds he is never busy on Sundays.

Winnipegger honored again

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — In a fund raising career spanning 40 years, Ralph Hamovich can look back on many highlights.

He remembers the nervous excitement listening on a radio to the United Nations vote on the partition of Palestine in 1947.

In 1951, he was part of a delegation to Chicago to greet Ben Gurion who was launching the first Israel Bonds campaign. "It was a spine-tingling experience," he said. "Whoever dreamed we would have a Jewish Prime Minister."

Ralph Hamovich

There was the response of World Jewry to the emergency campaigns resulting from the Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars. "Winnipeg ranked among the very top in contributions per capita in North America," he said proudly.

His own personal highlight came last May when he and his wife, Clara, were invited to be part of a special delegation to Israel, his ninth visit, to attend the official dedication of a new senior citizens' home Winnipeg House — in Jaffa Daled. The facility, part of Winnipeg Jewry's commitment to Project Renewal, dedicated its main lounge in the name of Ralph Hamovich.

Recently, Hamovich, 70, was honored by the Winnipeg Jewish community for his many years of service to the community and Israel with a reception at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. The function was sponsored by the Combined Jewish Appeal, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and the Canadian Zionist Federation, Mid-West Region.

Hamovich became involved in fund raising through his lifelong devotion to Israel. He grew up in Young Judaea. In 1945, at age 29, he became Mid-West Region executive director of the Zionist Organization of Canada. "At the time," he recalled, "the Zionist Organization conducted the United Palestine Appeal campaigns. Our area covered Manitoba and Northwest Ontario as far east as Thunder Bay."

In 1950, the renamed United Israel Appeal united with the Jewish Welfare Fund to form the United Jewish Appeal (UJA). Hamovich was seconded to the campaign while remaining an active member of the Zionist Organization.

In 1970, Hamovich was invited to become campaign director for the Combined Jewish Appeal, a position he held until 1982. Since 82, he has continued to serve the CJA in a consultative capacity. He will be officially retiring at the end of the year.

"There is a different kind of interest now than when I started," said Hamovich. "The longer Israel is at 'peace,' the more apathetic Winnipeg and world Jewry become. I think the time has come to work on our own community. Little has been done over the years in Winnipeg to enhance our own communal institutions and services. If we don't maintain a strong viable community, Israel and world Jewry both are diminished."

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Praises role of women in Reform Judaism

Rae urges reforms to fight workplace inequality

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The opportunity for introducing much needed reforms to fight inequality in the workplace is greater than it has ever been, according to Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae.

"While we live in an Ontario that is prosperous, we still have a lot to do to fight for equality and to fight against prejudice and against inequality," Rae told over 100 women at a recent meeting of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood.

"I can't think of any religious tradition that has done more to fight for equality and to fight against discrimination and to fight for the cause of human rights than the tradition of Reform Judaism," the NDP chief added.

Bob Rae

Rae told his audience that women continue to feel the effects of discrimination due to a pattern of unequal pay which developed when not many women were working or had to work.

Today the situation has changed drastically, Rae observed, and women are working in greater numbers than ever before because they both want to and have to.

"The reality is more and more women are going to be working," he said.

With the increase in women attempting to enter the workforce and with economic conditions and a "pattern of inequality" hampering their efforts, Rae said the situation is now ripe for reform.

Taking that into consideration, Rae said, he felt that after 42 years of Conservative rule in Ontario, it was time to make a political change in order to make the process of reform more possible.

"We felt it would be more possible under (Premier David) Peterson's Liberals than Frank Miller's Conservatives," said Rae. "We now have a government committed on paper to doing some of what needs to be done."

While there will opponents to change, Rae said there is a unique opportunity to make breakthroughs in eliminating inequality.

Chief among the needed reforms, Rae said, is a change in attitudes towards day care. Without a comprehensive strategy on this issue, he said the question of equality can not be addressed. The NDP leader said day care must be made open and accessible for all.

Rae said that equal pay for equal work legislation must be enacted for all to eliminate job ghettos for women. To date, the provincial government has committed itself to introducing such legislation for the public sector and has opted to put out a green paper on the issue to determine its effects on the private sector.

Other needed elements of reform Rae called for include employment equity to ensure women get a "fair shake" at jobs and pension reform. He said that 50% of workers today do not have private pensions and that 80% of women in the workplace face the same problem.

"We have to grasp the fact that society has changed and we have to create laws and a structure that is finally up-to-date," Rae said. "I feel we are on the verge of some major social changes, but we need the involvement of everyone to make sure the changes happen."

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Organizations and People

Rabbi talks about choice for Jews

Freedom to choose called "greatest challenge"

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg calls it "The Challenge of Choice."

Whatever one calls it, Greenberg, founder and head of the New York City-based National Jewish Centre for Learning Leadership—CLAL (until recently, the National Jewish Resource Centre) says freedom to choose is now one of the greatest challenges facing North American Jewry.

Jews today have freedom of choice because of increased political and social clout and affluence.

But the challenge, Greenberg maintains, is in choosing the correct path among many.

Jews today can choose to become more religious, less religious or not religious at all. They can choose professions, where to live, which clubs to belong to, which schools their children should attend and for some, whether to work at all.

Whereas at one time, most Jews were Orthodox, today they can be Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist or can opt out entirely.

"We are living in a world in which a revolution of choice is taking place. If you're not prepared, you assimilate," Greenberg told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview. He was in Toronto for a series of pre-High Holiday lectures at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"We have to learn how to live with power and affluence and how to use them. Do we wield power or not?

"We are just coming out of over 1,800 years of persecution, powerlessness, destruction and pariah-status. Yiddishkeit gave us dignity and continuity. Now we have choices."

But traditional Jewish institutions weren't prepared for all these new freedoms and Jews now find themselves at an awkward stage. All things considered, Greenberg said today's choices are admittedly more pleasant than those of 50 years ago, but no less important.

And because of their new freedoms and comforts in North America, Jews are feeling free to attack each other, Greenberg said. That freedom, he feels, should be channeled into fostering more pluralism and inter-Jewish dialogue.

And that had better happen soon, he warned, because the momentum among North American Jews today is swinging to polarization, culminating in social and religious civil warfare.

It was Greenberg who created a stir in Jewish circles over the summer with an article entitled Will There Be One Jewish People by the Year 2000?

In it, he argued that if current trends continue to go unchecked, North America's Jews will split into two mutually divided, hostile groups who are unable or unwilling to marry each other, with Reform Jews on one side and Conservative and Orthodox on the other.

Three phenomena will trigger the split, Greenberg wrote: Contested conversions, an increase in the number of halachically illegitimate children (*mamzerim*) and patrilineal descent— the recent decision by the Reform rabbinate to recognize children born of a Jewish father but non-Jewish mother.

Added up, it all means that by the turn of the century, there will be from 750,000 to 1 million people whose Jewishness is contested or denied, creating a whole class of Jews— 20% of American Jewry— not accepted as Jews and cut off from mainstream Judaism.

The same will hold for Canada a few years later, he added.

His article earned front-page stories in the secular press and created a new round of concern for Jews.

"If we don't build some control, the forces will split," Greenberg contends. "Even Israel will not hold Jews together."

In fact, Israel will suffer because a split among Jews would result in a backlash against Israel, especially in light of the country's current struggle over "who is a Jew?"

With each side mentally calculating the other will disappear, the walls are already being erected, Greenberg notes, and it's largely because of the paucity of dialogue among Jews themselves.

There are a myriad of Christian-Jewish groups building mutual understanding but in Toronto, for example, "the average Orthodox rabbi has little or no personal contact with his Reform counterpart."

By contrast, seven cities in the United States have some kind of inter-Jewish program.

And last June, 60 rabbis from all factions met in California to challenge the world's Jews to talk it out.

"Each of us rabbis has to think more and do better, and do things we don't normally do. The most fruitful kind of dialogue comes when you criticize yourself and justify the other. Right now, there's no lack of bigotry on either side."

The first step in the healing process is dramatizing

Rabbi Irving Greenberg

the situation and the second is simply to engage in dialogue. Synagogues will have to upgrade their lay participation. Both sides will have to give a little, from the ultra-Orthodox to Reform secularists.

In a few places, he said, it is Orthodox intransigence that is holding progress back. Right here in Toronto, for instance, Reform conversion methods "are acceptable" but have not been accepted by the Orthodox. The key is bringing together the Orthodox with the non-Orthodox.

If heading off the impending civil war works, "we'll have a Jewish community not because the anti-semites hate us, not because of Israel, but because we love it. This can be the golden age of Jewishness."

Robins given post for synagogue meet

TORONTO —

Bert Robins of Toronto has been appointed Ontario region chairman for next month's biennial North American convention of the United Synagogue of America, Ruth Bass, president of the Ontario region of the organization has announced.

The theme of the convention, to be held Nov. 17-21 in Kiamesha Lake, NY, is The Conservative Jew in a Secular Society.

Renowned author and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel will receive the Solomon Schechter Award for his distinguished service to world Jewry. Also designated as an award recipient is Louis Finkelstein, chancellor emeritus of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Gerson Cohen, present seminary chancellor, will launch the seminary's centennial year, and evening performances will include the Chassidic Music Festival. Celebrated writer David Wyman, author of The Abandonment of the Jews, will also participate.

Conferences within the convention will focus on today's major areas of concern, among which are Inter- and Mixed Marriages, the Future of the Jewish Family, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Evangelism and Fundamentalism, Development of Young Leadership, Singles, Seniors, Cults, and Teen Suicide.

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Victorious seniors to take on doctors

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A coalition of 20 Ontario senior citizens' groups— including the Association of Jewish Seniors— is claiming a partial victory over the federal government these days, but is gearing up for a new scrap with the provincial government.

The recently-formed coalition, which claims over 500,000 Ontario senior citizens, is happy that federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson has rescinded a tax on some health care items, but the group has now set its sights on banning extra billing by doctors.

Wilson's May 23 budget removed the 10% federal sales tax exemption on many over the counter drugs and health care items, such as medicated soaps, lotions, shampoos, ace bandages and syringes. On top of that, the federal sales tax will rise to 11% Jan. 1.

But earlier this month, Wilson announced the exemption will be reinstated effective immediately for syringes and "the most important medications" used to treat diabetes, heart and respiratory disorders.

Aside from insulin syringes, products qualifying for tax exemptions include nitroglycerine, digoxin, medical oxygen and other cardiovascular and respiratory drugs.

And previously taxed items like urine test sticks, blood glucose strips and blood glucose monitors— all commonly used by diabetics— will no longer be taxed, Wilson stated.

"It's good news," said Dr. Arnold Iscove, president of the 5,000-member Association of Jewish Seniors. "The important thing is that they've repealed the tax on the most expensive items." He said it was pressure from seniors that prompted Wilson to roll back the tax.

But a finance ministry official told The CJN the government will go on taxing medicated lotions, soaps, creams, ace bandages and some non-prescription medicines, meaning their prices will have increased by an average 11% by the new year.

As well, the following items have also had federal tax introduced: vitamins, antacids, analgesic tablets such as aspirin or codeine, burn products, cough and cold lozenges, foot care products, laxatives, heat linaments, diarrhea controllers and hemmorhoid products, all items used widely by seniors. The higher wholesale-level tax on these items will be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices, according to Pharmaservice, a Scarborough-based pharmaceutical purchasing company.

Iscove said his group will continue to fight Ottawa to reinstate the exemptions for these products, because their costs are not covered by health plans. He said the coalition also wants Ottawa to preserve cheaper, generic drugs.

A recent report confirmed the Canadian Council on Social Welfare estimated that each Canadian will pay about $450 more in federal and excise taxes per year largely because of the last budget.

In the meantime, the coalition is busy setting an agenda to ban extra billing by doctors.

They've planned a meeting for Sept. 26, when a plan of action will be drawn up.

Coalition member Jack Lutsky said he is sure the seniors can meet with the same success on the extra billing issue as they did in forcing the government to back down last summer on the proposal to partially deindex old age pensions.

"If you don't approach the government, then they don't act. But when they know there's public pressure, they react," he said.

"Doctors aren't exactly struggling to make a living. They don't have to charge extra. The extra $5 or $10 is a lot for a senior citizen."

Lutsky said eventually, he would like to see the coaltion widened to include groups representing welfare recipients and the unemployed.

Course goes back to basics

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For years now, Conservative rabbis have been running a course outlining the fundamental tenets of Judaism for converts interested in becoming Jews.

Last winter, the course, which intensively covers the basics of Judaism from square one, attracted a rather surprising and unusual constituency. There were a number of Jews who expressed an interest in participating in the conversion class.

Rabbi Howard Markose

Mulling over the meaning behind the requests, a number of Conservative rabbis six months ago decided to experiment in a special course that would be tailor-made for those "Jews who want to rediscover their roots."

The results of their plans will soon begin to bear fruit. Starting Thursday, Oct. 10 and running for 20 weeks, the conversion course for those who don't need to be converted will kick off at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. in Downsview.

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Nine Conservative rabbis have volunteered their services to make the course a success, and Rabbi Howard Markose of Adath Israel Congregation is coordinating the program.

Markose told The CJN the program is open to all Jews who want to get a grounding in their heritage, though he expects the course will attract Jews who already have more than merely a passing interest in their Judaism.

Students will be expected to keep up with weekly reading assigned from The Book of Jewish Belief by Louis Jacobs, as well as do optional reading from other sources. Markose noted that an optional part of the program, to be held during the second hour of the 2-hour classes, is an intensive study of Hebrew at the beginner level.

Cost of the program is $25 for each of the two semesters.

Hannah Werner, a teacher at United Synagogue Day School, will handle the Hebrew language component of the course. Joining Markose as lecturer will be Rabbis Erwin Schild of Adath Israel, Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Harvey Meirovich of Beth Sholom Synagogue, Lawrence Troster of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Robert Marcus of Beth Tikvah Congregation, Sheldon Korn of Shaar Shalom Synagogue, and Rabbis Solomon Spiro and Sol Tanenzapf.

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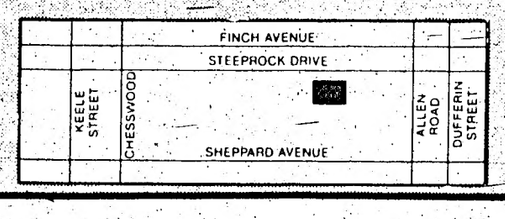

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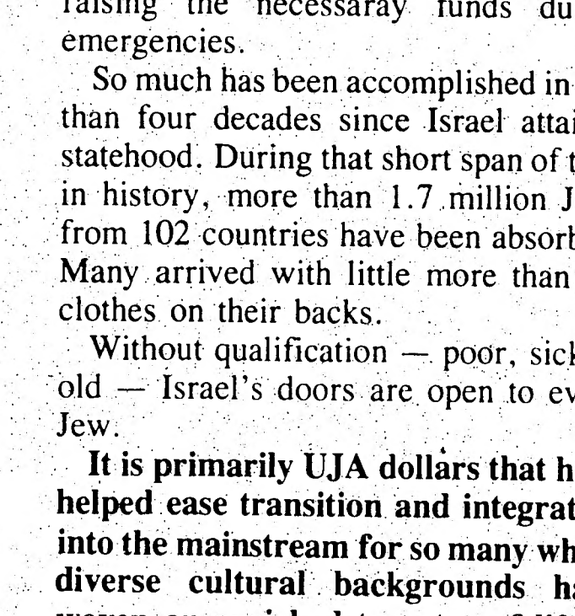

THE NUMBER OF JEWISH POOR IN TORONTO LIVING AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LINE.

Increased support can further help Operation Moses

For months, while the world was bombarded with horrendous accounts of the famine in Ethiopia, Israel was quietly rescuing thousands of Ethiopian Jews, bringing them to safety and new life in the Jewish state.

What has come to be known as "Operation Moses" — the full story of which is still to be told — has caught the imagination of Jews the world over.

Now that so many thousands are at last in Israel, the financial responsibility for their absorption must be shared by world Jewry.

Israel cannot shoulder the enormous costs — estimated at $25,000 (U.S.) per man, woman and child — on her own.

She has requested help from United Jewish Appeal, and Toronto UJA has committed itself to $2.4 million as its share.

The absorption and resettlement of Ethiopian Jews presents Israel with one of her greatest challenges since the mass influx of immigrants to the Jewish state first began.

These are a people whose way of life is centuries removed from modern-day society. The young are bright, eager and quick to learn the ways of their new homeland.

For the elderly, the transition will be slower and more difficult, but they too, with help and the example of their children, will contribute to life in Israel's mainstream.

Jews everywhere can play a role in this beautiful episode of "Operation Moses," by increasing their support and contributions to United Jewish Appeal, the pipeline to our fellow Jews in need, wherever they may be.

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Ner Israel High School
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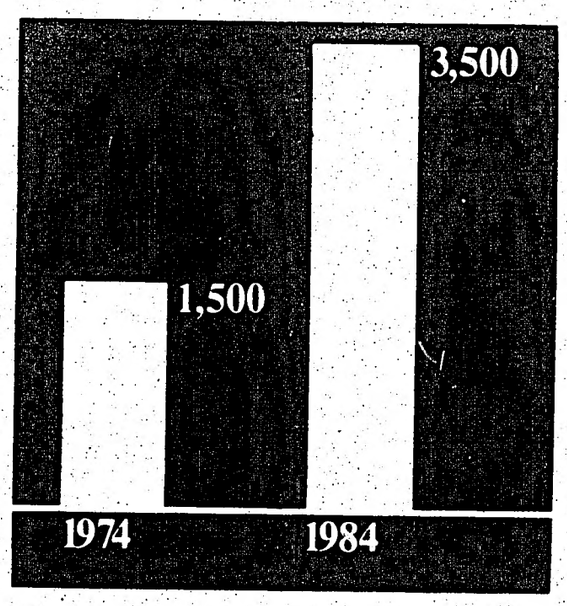

THE NUMBER OF TORONTO HEBREW DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS REQUIRING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

With the cost of Jewish education at an all-time high, over one-half of the students in Toronto's Hebrew day and high schools are enabled to remain in the system — *thanks to some form of subsidy through UJA.*

What the Jewish Agency and UJA dollars fund in human terms

Absorption Centres
Language training schools (Ulpanim)
Nursery care
Institutions for the blind
Day care centres
Senior citizen homes & programs
Kindergartens
Youth Aliyah, including youth care services and training

Adult vocational training ORT
Agricultural settlements
Immigrant housing
Singles & young couples housing
Urban renewal/neighborhood revitalization through Project Renewal
Immigrant health services
Grants to university students at: Haifa University, Bar Ilan University, Hebrew University, Canadian Technion Society, Tel Aviv University, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, The Weizmann Institute.
Joint Distribution Committee for International Relief
Refugee assistance
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

The Jewish Agency budget for 1985/86

Immigration & Absorption — $95,000,000 — 22.9%
Rural Settlement — $67,000,000 — 16.2%
Youth Aliyah — $59,000,000 — 14.3%
Education — $71,750,000 — 17.3%
Social Programs — $28,800,000 — 7.0%
Housing — $13,700,000 — 3.3%
Debt Service — $53,500,000 — 12.9%
Finance & Administration, Other Functions, Reserve — $25,250,000 — 6.1%
TOTAL — $414,000,000 — 100%

PROJECT RENEWAL — $48,000,000

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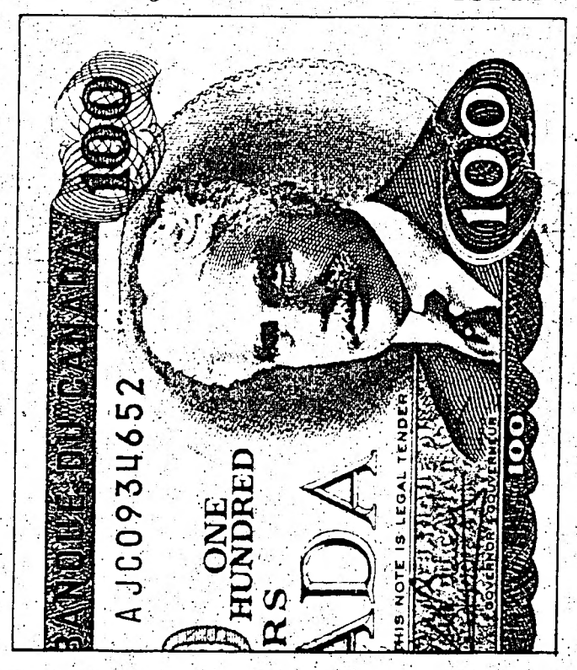

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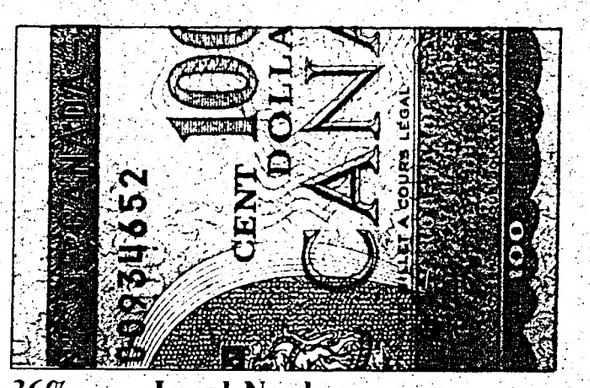

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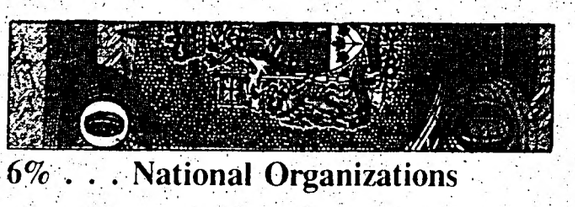

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Toronto UJA's success story

Beit Dagan - From the way it was...to the way it is

A grandfather walks a toddler along the main path of downtown Beit Dagan, through the old "Arab village" which was abandoned prior to 1948. All the area around the path was demolished to make way for new housing and a community centre.

Grandmother and granddaughter outside their renovated home in Beit Dagan.

MINISTER OF FINANCE
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19th June, 1985

To:
The Jewish Agency of Israel
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Jerusalem

Dear Sirs,

Further to the decision taken by the Government on 19.8.73, I hereby renew the directives authorizing the mobilization of funds for the financing of Israel's economic needs.

According to this decision, the United Jewish Appeal of America, the Keren Hayesod Appeal and the Independent and Development Bonds Corporation are the bodies authorized to collect funds for the economic and social needs of Israel. No Israeli body or organisation will conduct any appeal activities as long as authority to this end has not been received from the High Committee for Emergency Appeals or any corresponding committee in countries where such appeals are being considered.

The various authorized appeals will coordinate their activities with the National Committee of Control and Authorization of Campaigns in the U.S.A. or with the corresponding committees in the various countries.

All additional appeals are subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance.

The Appeal for the Absorption of Ethiopian Immigrants will be considered a "special appeal." Sole authority for the execution of this appeal is granted to the "national appeals" (the UJA and Keren Hayesod).

The Government will reduce its financial contribution to the budgets of those bodies undertaking unauthorized collection of funds including the mobilization of funds for the absorption of Ethiopian Jews.

Yours faithfully,

Y. Moday

Israel, Toronto join in Project Renewal

Project Renewal is a joint Israel-Diaspora endeavor to upgrade and rehabilitate, physically and spiritually, both residents and their communities neglected through time and circumstance.

Initiated by Menachem Begin when he became Prime Minister in 1977, Project Renewal was a concept whose time was long overdue.

Primarily affected were those who emigrated to Israel from North Africa and surrounding Arab lands during the 50s and 60s.

Because of the mass influx, Israel was financially unprepared to provide proper housing and other services needed by a people who came from a totally different cultural background than the European Jews who then constituted the majority of the population.

Most of the new immigrants were unskilled, had little education and large families. The cycle of poverty and delinquency among the young was inevitable — until Project Renewal.

A prime example of what can be accomplished in a relatively short period of time with mutual cooperation, a lot of heart and, of course, the necessary funds to make it all happen, is Beit Dagan, Toronto UJA's Project Renewal twinned community.

When it was first suggested six years ago that Toronto take on responsibility for the social welfare needs of this town of 2,700 residents, it loomed as an awesome undertaking.

Members of Toronto's Project Renewal committee went to Beit Dagan to see first-hand what needed to be done. They came face-to-face with grinding poverty, primitive conditions and a total lack of even the most basic community facility for young or old.

But they also saw a unique spirit in the people they met, who were eager to improve themselves and their surroundings. That was the moving force in the decision to go ahead.

Today, there is a renewed sense of pride in the citizens of Beit Dagan. With government help the town has been cleaned up. There are new roads, street lights, improved housing and sewage disposal facilities.

Toronto's involvement has made possible the provision of day care for children of working parents, equipment for a dental clinic and a community centre recently completed.

A scouting unit has been developed, along with an "18-plus" program specifically geared to keep young people who are out of school with no jobs, off the streets and out of trouble.

For the first time in their lives, the residents of Beit Dagan have a sense of control — a direct responsibility and say in the decision-making process that affects their own welfare and that of the entire community.

A direct outgrowth of Project Renewal has been a complete changeover in Beit Dagan's municipal administration, from the mayor on down, with a renewed emphasis on civic pride and political involvement by the residents.

The success of the Beit Dagan experience was due in great part of the degree of responsibility taken on by the townspeople themselves. It was true "partnership" in every sense of the term.

Toronto UJA is now prepared to go ahead with a new Project Renewal commitment in Kfar Gvirol, a suburb of Rehovot, with a population of close to 3,000 whose residents are of mainly Yemenite origins.

Members of the recent UJA Prime Minister's Mission to Israel had the opportunity to visit both Beit Dagan and Kfar Gvirol. They were presented with a vivid contrast in **what is** and **what can be**.

That is the miracle of Project Renewal.

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לשנה טובה תכתבו

Prof. Emil Fackenheim

Accept reality of Jewish state, Christians told

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The major sticking point in Jewish-Christian relations today is not the Holocaust, but the stereotype of the wandering, stateless Jew, according to one of the world's leading Jewish thinkers today.

Prof. Emil Fackenheim told a capacity audience recently at the Holy Blossom Temple that Jewish-Christian dialogue today can flourish only if Christians accept the political and religious realities of Israel as the Jewish state.

Christians must also accept and confront the Holocaust, said Fackenheim, the Temple's 1985 D. Lou Harris scholar-in-residence, a position named for a past president of the synagogue.

"After the Holocaust, which is said to be a watershed, there is a swamp that threatens to engulf us both. Unless we confront it, it will kill us both," said Fackenheim, who spent several years in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

"The question arises: Have things changed as radically as they must?"

The Holocaust should have brought Christians and Jews together because Christians too know suffering but instead, it has been a source of division between the two, he told the audience, which included Christian clergy.

In the three weeks preceding the 1967 Six Day War, it looked as though Jews were heading toward another holocaust and again, there was "silence in the churches."

The same phenomenon happened in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he said.

Because of the age-old image of the wandering Jew, the Holocaust has not had its fullest impact on the Christian world because Jews as refugees "is not news— they're supposed to be wandering."

As a result, the Christian world "has had difficulty in accepting Israel.

"The Jewish state has become a political and religious necessity but that the Jewish state has to defend itself is also a Christian necessity," said Fackenheim, who now lives in Israel after retiring two years ago as a professor at the University of Toronto.

Christians must "confront" the Holocaust— they "can't ignore the evils of the past."

Following his talk, Fackenheim lambasted Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of Israel's ultra-right Kach Party which advocates the expulsion of Arabs from Israel, as "an obscenity who wants to throw ethics out of Judaism."

As for Ethiopian Jews, they "should be the teachers of us all," instead of being branded as doubtful Jews by Israel's chief rabbis.

Regarding the Ethiopian Jews' rebuking the rabbis and insisting they are authentic Jews, Fackenheim said, "good for them."

Fackenheim's lecture was one of two he delivered in Toronto. Last week, he addressed Kadima, the Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, on the "Zionist Imperative Today."

Pickled fish the piece de resistance

Combination meal breaks the fast

By
ESTHER FISHER

Each family has its own traditions about food to be served when breaking the fast after Yom Kippur. Many prefer a light dairy meal while others opt for a full meat dinner. And some, like my family anxious to make up for lost calories, have a combination breakfast/lunch/supper all in one.

Starting with oranges, honey or coffee cake and coffee, we then proceed to pickled fish followed by soup, meat or poultry, vegetables and dessert. The piece de resistance is always the fish — either herring, salmon, whitefish or pike.

Nothing can compare with the tangy flavor of home-pickled fish. Commercial varieties are usually excessively sweet and lack the zing of fresh lemons, an important ingredient in most pickled fish dishes.

Breaking the fast with something sweet is both a token of the sweet year to come and a means of raising the blood sugar. Serving pickled fish after Yom Kippur is an ancient tradition, apparently started in the belief that the salted fish restored salt to the body after a full day of fasting.

The great advantage of pickled fish after a day without food is that it doesn't require last-minute preparation. Made about a week or so before serving, the herring will keep in the refrigerator for weeks, salmon and whitefish for one week. All you have to do after returning home after services, is set the meichel on the table.

Whether you're serving fish as a main course or as a forshpeiz, here are recipes that are bound to please.

PICKLED HERRING

6 milter herrings
2 large onions, sliced
1 lemon sliced
1 tbsp. black peppercorns
1 tbsp. mustard seed
6 bay leaves
2 tbsps. sugar (or more to to suit taste)
1 cup white vinegar
½ cup water

Soak herrings in cold water over night; drain and remove entrails, reserving the milt. Cut off heads. Cut herrings into slices. Place slices in crock in layers with sliced onions, lemon slices, a few pieces of bay leaf, a sprinkling of mustard seed and peppers.

Boil water, vinegar and sugar and set aside to cool. Taste: add more sugar if desired and reboil.

Mash and mix the milt, adding enough vinegar mixture to thin. Strain through a sieve. Add the rest of the vinegar, and pour over the herring to cover. One large grated apple may be added.

Cover jar and refrigerate for 4 to 6 days before serving.

PICKLED SALMON

3 cups water
1 cup white vinegar
4 onions, sliced
2 tsps. salt
3 tbsps. sugar
1 tbsp. pickling spice
2 lbs. salmon, skinned and boned and cut into 1-inch chunks
1 lemon sliced

Note: fresh or frozen (thawed) salmon may be used.

In a medium saucepan, combine the vinegar, water and half the onion slices. Boil gently, uncovered for 15 minutes. Add salt, sugar, pickling spice and salmon chunks. Simmer for 10 minutes or until salmon is tender.

Remove fish with a slotted spoon into a deep bowl, layering remaining onion slices and the lemon slices between chunks of salmon.

Pour unstrained cooking liquid over the fish and cover tightly.

Store in the refrigerator. Makes 4 to 6 servings as a first course.

SWEET AND SOUR WHITEFISH

2 large onions, sliced
¾ cup white vinegar
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. ground ginger
3 lbs. sliced whitefish (2-inch slices with skin and bones intact)

Place sliced onions in the bottom of a large saucepan and cover with water. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper and ginger and simmer for 5 minutes more. Turn heat off and add fish slices to the pot.

Marinate for 10 minutes before cooking (if necessary, add more water until fish is covered. Simmer fish for 45 minutes, covered. Store in the refrigerator. Makes 6 servings.

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German company profited from slave labor

Memorial unveiled for women killed by Nazis

By
MOURA WOLPERT

TORONTO —
On May 22 four Auschwitz survivors from Israel attended the unveiling of a memorial in West Germany to four young women hanged by the Nazis at Auschwitz.

The ceremony took place in the Jewish cemetery of Fraeudenberg, a small town near Duesseldorf, and one of the Israelis, Erna Ellert, brought a photograph of the occasion to Canada recently for the younger sister of one of the hanged girls, Annette Hayman of Ottawa.

As the leader of the women's work group to which the four girls had belonged, Ellert was ordered to stand beside the gallows as the girls were hanged and Annette, then aged about 11 or 12, "had to stand next to me," Ellert said in Toronto, where she was visiting her brother, George Schaumer, and sister, Rose Steuermann.

The memorial was put up as the result of the efforts of another Auschwitz survivor who now lives in Vienna but who did not attend the ceremony and whose name Ellert would not reveal.

The other three who attended were Guta Blau, Sara Ehrenhaft and Erich Kulka, a history professor at the Hebrew University.

All four, as well as the woman in Vienna, had been part of a 2,000 member workforce working round the clock in four shifts of 500 men and 500 women each in Union munitions factory located in the camp.

They were manufacturing explosives and small groups of women would steal some of the materials, conceal them about their bodies and later smuggle them to the men in their camp.

One of the girls, in a note to her husband, revealed their plan to blow up the crematoria but the note was intercepted and the girl caught.

Convinced that as a group leader Ellert must have known what was going on, the Germans arrested her, too. During questioning her upper teeth were knocked out and she was so severely beaten that she was unable to work but her life was saved by the Wehrmacht officer responsible for her work group, who demanded that she be returned to her job.

During the subsequent roll call to witness the hanging, "Sturmbandfuehrer Heller called me out and I had to stand beside the gallows," recalled Ellert. "He said that the girls were to be hanged for sabotage and that if it continued, I would be next."

Two weeks later, on Jan. 18, 1945, they began the "death march" from Auschwitz and again, said Ellert, "I was saved from death."

It was the third time for her, said the Polish-born woman, whose home town is actually Oswiecim (Auschwitz). The first occurred in September, 1943, during a transport from a workcamp to Auschwitz, when she was one of only four persons out of a total of 358 to survive. "Two now live in America and two of us are in Israel."

She also worked for Josef Mengele, Dr. Schuhmann and Dr. Wirtz on their infamous experiments in Block 10 of the men's camp, added Ellert, who, altough quite fluent in English, found it easier to tell her story in German.

The Union munitions factory has long since relocated in Fraeudenberg and switched to other products "and when the woman in Vienna found out," explained Ellert, "she wrote to the city government and demanded that a memorial to the four heroines be put in the Jewish cemetery, which happens to be quite close to the factory."

In Duesseldorf, Ellert held "a very big" press conference and also spoke to and answered the questions of over 200 school children and adults in a large auditorium. And in Israel she was interviewed by both the West German and Austrian media, while a BBC television crew came to her home to film a lengthy interview.

Meanwhile, the Public Committee in Israel of Survivors of Auschwitz, which had asked Ellert to attend the unveiling, is looking for other survivors who worked Union for the purpose of launching a request for restitution.

"They built up a big factory out of the profits they made from our slave labor," Ellert said. "They owe us something now."

Survivors interested in further information can write to the Public Committee in Israel of Survivors of Auschwitz and Extermination Camps, P.O. Box 1303, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Penciner given post for Hebrew U Friends

TORONTO —
Mimi Penciner, an alumnus of the University of Toronto and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has been named the new academic affairs coordinator of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Penciner, a native Torontonian, attended the Hebrew University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students during the 1983-84 academic year.

In a recent interview, she said she is looking forward to serving as the university's Canadian representative. "My year at the Hebrew University was wonderful — it was a most invaluable opportunity to study and spend a year in Israel," she said.

"I'm really looking forward to my new position because I believe strongly in the Hebrew University. To be in a position where I can help the university will be very rewarding," she said.

Penciner said the university's 1-Year program "offers students the best of both worlds — they get to study at one of the world's foremost universities while spending a year in Israel."

She added that students can choose from a comprehensive list of 80 courses in English, Mideast Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Business Administration. All of the courses in the 1-Year Program are recognized as credits by universities in Canada and the United States, she said.

Canadian students who are fluent in Hebrew can also study in the university's regular undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

And, she says, the Rothberg School, which attracts more than 1,000 students from around the world every year, allows students to become acquainted with a different culture and learn a second language in its native milieu.

"Nothing beats living what you're learning," she says, adding that "at the Hebrew University, learning is not confined to the classroom."

Penciner replaces Tara Morris, who left her position at Canadian Friends to pursue graduate studies.

Mimi Penciner

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Age 65 is only a number, says Plaut

Discrimination against elderly bit

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The driving tests 80-year-olds are subjected to in Ontario are unfair, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut told an audience of 330 at the first Leisure Time Fair at Leah Posluns Theatre recently.

"It would be much fairer to test drivers at age 30, 40, 50, 60 or 70," Rabbi Plaut said. "The authorities would have a great surprise if they tested the younger age groups."

The driving test is only one example he gave of the discrimination which he said is rife against older people. University professors have to leave their jobs at 65 even if they are at the peak of their powers, he noted. Even though people at 70 are as different from each other as people at 50, society dumps them all into one pot. The age 65, he said, is only a number.

On a lighter note, Rabbi Plaut said there are now three ages, youth, middle age, and "my, you look good."

"When somebody says that to you, you know you have arrived," he said.

On the positive side, Plaut said older people think more clearly than younger ones, know the real values in life, and have more patience. "Young people don't realize that living by other people's opinions is the most foolish thing you can do. Younger drivers have to beat the light. We get older and have less time in front of us but we have more patience. Saving five seconds is not as important as doing people a favor."

Life expectancy 150 years ago was only 40, and today it is in the 70s, and, he noted, projections are that for women life expectancy will soon be in the 80s.

While older people should reject any attempt by society to force an inferior status on them, Plaut said they should also be honest about their own weaknesses, and if glasses and hearing aids are necessary, they should wear them.

"Don't play young," he said. "The most ridiculous sight is the older person trying to pass himself or herself off as one 30 or 40 years younger. I don't object to a woman putting on makeup to cover wrinkles, but don't try to be a little girl."

His final recommendation was that older people should be political. "Join a group and add your voice to gray power. By the year 2000 we will make up 20% of the total Canadian population."

The audience, the majority of whom were in their later years, responded with great appreciation when chairman Sam Eckler introduced Plaut's 95-year-old mother. She recently received a university degree.

Illusion about death

The rabbi advised his hearers to beware of statistics which give messages of doom about advancing age. "A physician friend of mine told me that more people at 50 have heart attacks than people at 70."

In China, the aged are honored, he pointed out, while "the perception of age in Russia is more enlightened than it is on this side of the Atlantic.

"If a young man looks at a woman, he is sexy. If an older man does the same, he is a 'dirty old man.' People wear white tennis shoes because they are comfortable for walking, but if an older woman wears them, she 'is a little old lady in tennis shoes' and is considered ridiculous."

Part of the problem, he said, is that our society won't accept death as inevitable. "There is an illusion that death is avoidable. That's why we avoid talking about it. Dying doesn't have to be as lonely as it is."

Another difficulty, he said, "is that we remind younger people that one day they will die."

Older people are victims of a market place philosophy that considers everything as disposable, including relationships and marriages. "When I first came from Germany 50 years ago I was sitting on a subway in New York and a man left a newspaper on the seat when he got off. I ran after him with the paper. His response was 'you stupid greenhorn.'"

He went on: "If we accept the judgment of society we are done for and we are done for it, we are what other people want us to be. Our attitude should be 'we've made it, we're alive, 'perhaps not as strong as we used to be.

"At 93, Somerset, Maughan was asked 'how do you feel?' 'Considering the alternative, I feel wonderful,' he replied.

"When I come off the tennis court and someone asks how I played, I say I played."

In introducing Rabbi Plaut, chairman Eckler said he epitomizes a person growing old usefully.

The Leisure Time Fair was aided by a substantial grant from the New Horizons program of the federal government.

Eckler gave special thanks to Orian Feldman of the Jewish Community Centre staff for help in organizing the fair which also included exhibits in the foyer of services available to older people.

Members of the organizing committee were Mona Brown, Dr. Arnold Epstein and Madeleine Epstein, Min Harris, Norma Jordan, Dr. Ira Pollock, Albert Raskin, Lou Ronson, J. B. Salsberg, Irwin Soren and H. Max Swartz.

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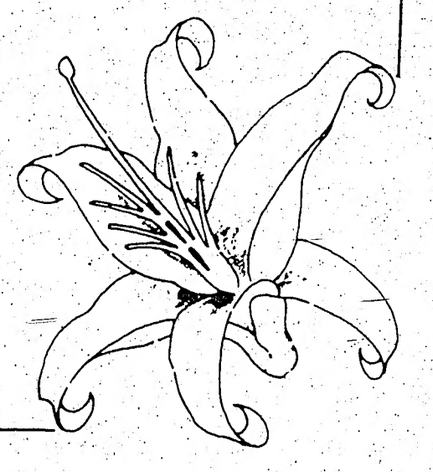

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Crafts by Baycrest residents

Seniors' works on display at shul

NORTH YORK —
A glance around the Day Care arts and crafts room at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care reveals the creativity of Day Care members. It is a kaleidoscope of colors and textures — a gallery of different moods and mediums.

These products are being featured at the centre's first public exhibit of members' art. Created in the arts and crafts program, the works are on display until Oct. 20, in the front of the Beth Emeth Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

"We were looking for different types of handicrafts," explains Sheila Mostyn, educational vice-president of the Beth Emeth Sisterhood. "I noticed the artwork while visiting Baycrest and was impressed with the beautiful craftsmanship. The problem is that unless you are visiting someone at the centre you probably would not have the opportunity to see the work. Showcasing the works in our synagogue sees to be a perfect way to make people aware of what Baycrest members are doing."

The exhibit is unique, she says, in that all the work is created by seniors, many who have disabilities such as blindness, or lack of various motor functions.

Superior of the arts and crafts program Tamara Weinreich, knows that having a disability does not hinder someone from creating art.

"This is a facility that offers an environment for creativity and enthusiasm for life. Each piece that is finished here has artistic merit," says Weinreich. "It's not enough to keep someone busy and then tell them that what they're doing is beautiful. When someone here completes a piece of work, he or she can feel how beautiful it is."

And because many members suffer from full to partial visual impairments, they actually do feel the beauty of their creations. Weinreich supplies them with textured yarns for weavings, and emphasizes the textural beauty of a work along with the visual effects.

"We try to accommodate them so they can create, despite their disabilities," says Weinreich.

For instance: An 85-year-old man who can't clearly see the pattern he weaves on a loom. Day Care staff place a bright yellow piece of paper between the base and the strings so that the weaving is highlighted and becomes more visible.

Or: a 78-year-old woman who lost her sight but remembers colors. Day Care staff construct an upright loom to enable her to feel her way through a pattern. Then a volunteer sews the pieces together to create a blanket.

On display at the Beth Emeth is an assortment of weaving, painting, mosaics, bead work, knitting and tapestries, collected over the last two years.

An expert on cults will speak at U of T

TORONTO —
One of the world's foremost experts on cults, Margaret Singer, will be the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Cult Awareness Program at the University of Toronto, Sept. 18 to 24.

The Cult Awareness Program, coordinated by the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation/Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto for the second year, is the largest such conference of its kind in North America.

Featured throughout the week are screenings of the movie Ticket to Heaven with special guest Josh Freed, author of the book Moonwebs on which the film is based, and topics such as Cults and Colleges, Resisting Mind Control, Ex-Members Speak Out, Coming Out of the Cults, and The Status of Women and Child Abuse in Cults.

Singer to speak on cults

Singer, a professor of psychiatry and psychology at the University of California, will speak on Psychotherapy Cults: The Growing Phenomenon at Brennan Hall, St. Michael's College on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7.30 p.m. She has lectured extensively on the subject of cults and is frequently called upon by courts and investigative commissions as a scientific expert.

The program is co-sponsored by the Ontario Medical Association, the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto, B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, the Students' Administrative Council at the University of Toronto, numerous college student councils, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Holy Blossom Temple, Shaarei Tefilah Synagogue, Solel Congregation, Adath Israel Syngogue, Beth emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, Tic Toc Tours Travel Agency, and The City of Toronto Youth Year Committee.

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Old West once more strong fashion trend

By
LORI SMITH

The clothes to watch — and buy — this year are those inspired by the Old West.

According to Scott Chapell, co-owner of The Art of Kloze, 70 Avenue Rd., clothes with a western influence have been "on the street" for years, and are once again becoming a strong fashion trend.

"Western detailing is very important now. Detail in back, pointy collars, detailing under the arm . . ."

He explains that he and partner Joanne Palacka are in the process of creating a line of western-inspired clothing, and that the store is currently carrying similarly influenced designs by Toronto designers such as Steven Schacht, and European designers such as Bill Tornade.

As an example, he shows a jacket by Bill Tornade. Black and white, squarely cut and single breasted with the appropriate detail a cattle baron might have worn it.

The new twist is in the fabric — it's synthetic, 75% polyester and 25% viscose.

Similarly, a jean jacket with brocade insets by Tornade illustrates how an old influence is given a modern interpretation.

"Our designs are western influence, but put into modern fabrics. A lot of the western influence was pony hide and leather and we're doing pony hide and leather. But we're also using denims, brocade, tapestry, and even fabric lining for shirts."

Noticeably absent from the western-inspired clothes this time around are ruffles, prairie skirts, pinafores, and minute floral patterns.

Chapell and Palacka opened The Art of Kloze in February. They have been designing together for three years, and have their own line, Kloze Designs.

Chapell says the store is targeted at fashion forward men and women in the 20 to 45 age range.

They carry lines by several Toronto designers: Steven Schacht, Emily Zarb, Lucas, Barbara Waltman, and Comrags. In addition, the majority of the jewelry they offer is created by Toronto artists.

Currently, they also carry European designers and lines: Bill Tornade, Patrick Alexander, Longue Distance, Court E'trange and Caporal.

"But," says Chapell, "next season we hope the whole store will be Toronto — designers, jewelers, accessory designers."

For this season though, Chapell says there are a number of style points and colors to look for.

"A lot of dark greens are in for fall, purple is a strong color, and black is always popular. Also, we're doing a lot of blue and there's a lot of it coming into the store. It's navy — an authentic navy blue."

He says that shirts are getting longer and looser with the exception of men's tailored shirts.

"We're carrying a lot of shirts and coats that have a great deal of movement in the back not via a slit, but by draping. And, when you walk you have movement."

In addition, he says French cuffs are becoming popular once again and that collars are pointier. Also knits remain prominent in women's fashions.

So what's out of style?

Chapell thinks that shoulder pads are no longer in, but acknowledges that many people are wearing them because the general public only became aware of them in the last year or so. He also says that stirrup pants are on their way out.

And, he says, he dislikes trends that are influenced by musicians.

"You go to a mall and you can find 100 Madonnas or a year ago you'd find 100 Princes. They're just imitating people. The Madonna look will probably be non-existent in six months."

Her knit dress by Comrags. His shirt by Longue Distance. Both from Kloze.

A fashion gala to aid Ethiopia

Canada's top designers, models, stylists and entertainers have banded together to stage a fashion extravaganza in aid of famine-stricken Ethiopia.

The '80s Attitude: A Fashion Event in Aid of African Relief will be held Oct. 6 at the Royal York Hotel. All proceeds will go directly to African relief via Canadian Physicians for African Refugees (CPAR), a non-political, non-sectarian, humanitarian organization currently providing emergency medical aid in Ethiopia.

The show will feature the designs of Alfred Sung, Clotheslines, Winston Kong, Zapata, Shelley Walsh, Paul Cornish, Marilyn Blumer, Roger Edwards, Barbara Klunder, Tsipora Levy, Lorraine Delsol and Issey.

Top Toronto models, Yanka, Danielle Cabonneau, Bijette, Sam Turkis and Donna Dimarco will show the clothes. They will be joined by several of New York's international models including Iman, Halwo and Vogue cover girl, Beverley Johnson.

Entertainment will be provided by Toronto's Lorraine Segatto, Julie Masi and Laurie Conger of the Parachute Club and Salome Bey.

The '80s Attitude is unprecedented. It precedes Fashion Aid which is currently being organized by Britain's Bob Geldoff, the initiator and driving force behind "Live Aid."

The show's fund recipient, CPAR, is the only national organization in Canada providing direct medical relief in Ethiopia.

The organization has established an emergency feeding station and medical clinic in the remote area of Fursi, Ethiopia.

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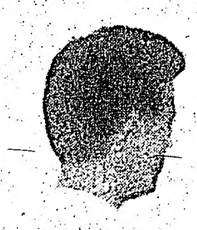


LOS ANGELES — Here's the dilemma: You're wearing your best tailored clothes and you don't want to ruin their expensive lines with a bulging wallet.

Because you're a young man in the 80s, you've become symbiotically entwined with your Filofax time organizer.

You're on the prowl for love, so naturally you take a small aerosol container of breath spray wherever you roam.

You can't be seen after 5 p.m. with a dumb briefcase, and your gym bag is just too smelly for the precious tools of what you hope is your upwardly mobile lifestyle.

So where do you stash the stuff? Why, in your purse, of course!

Granted, it's a delicate semantic turf one treads when the subject is purses for men.

"Purse" connotes a feminine accessory to most of us, and though men have carried them for years, the accessories industry has re-christened the items "man bags." Sounds much more macho, doesn't it?

Semantics notwithstanding, California retailers are reporting a surge in customer interest for the bags.

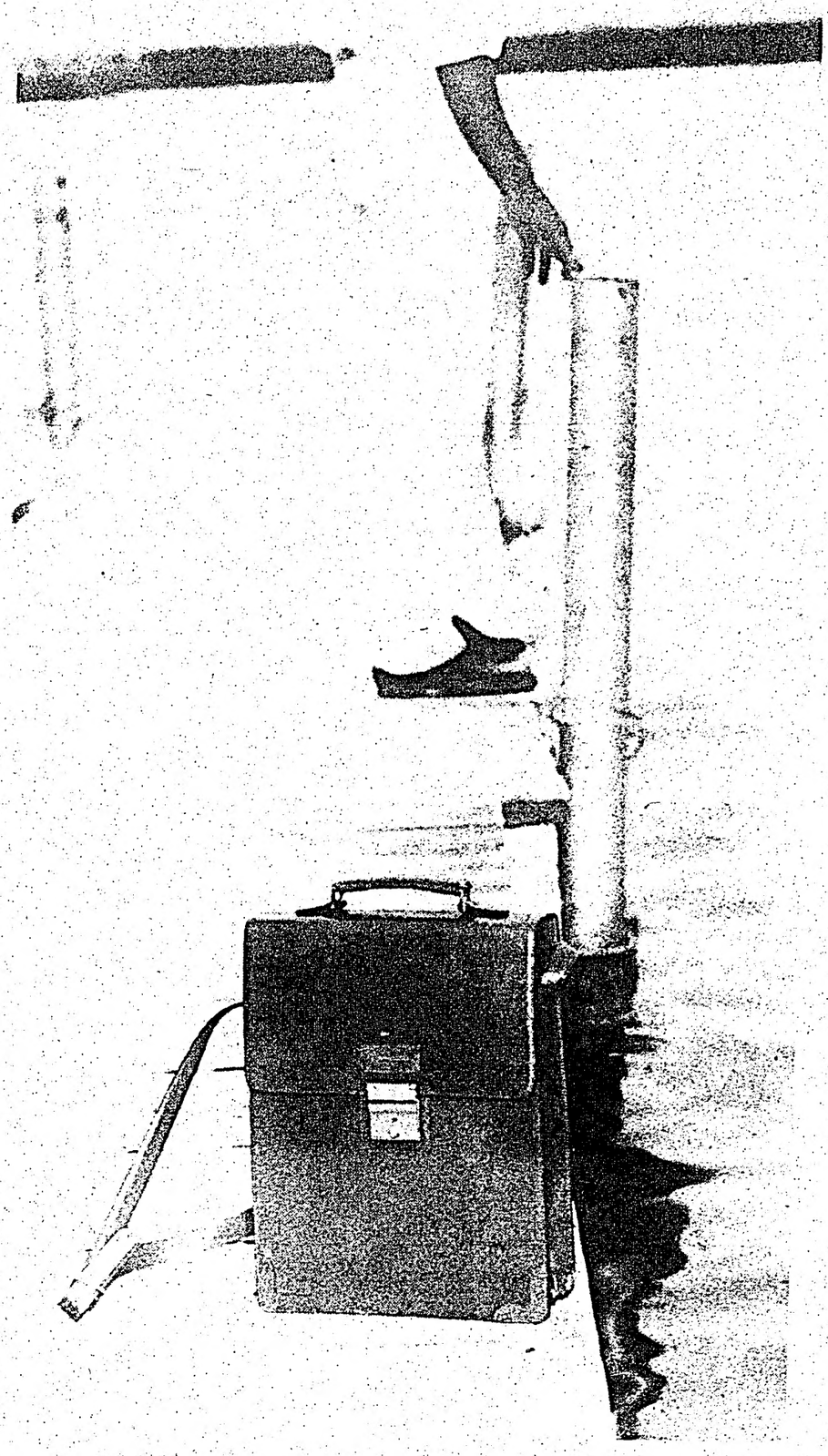
Harriet Ryden, a men's accessories buyer for the Broadway department stores, says she was surprised after asking her store managers what items customers were requesting that the store wasn't carrying.

"Almost to a man, they say man bags," says Ryden. "So I tested them in a very light way and they flew out of the stores."

Many of the Broadway's bags are bought by women as gifts for their men after they become fed up with stuffing their own purses with their husbands' or boyfriends' belongings.

The typical man who buys himself a bag, said Ryden, "is a young guy who doesn't want to carry a briefcase around with his glasses, calculator, notebook and breath spray. Without a doubt, it's heterosexual men."

The most popular bags are masculine-looking leather clutches in somber colors, with wrist straps that make them easy to carry.



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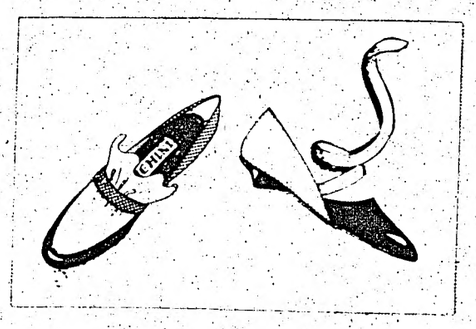

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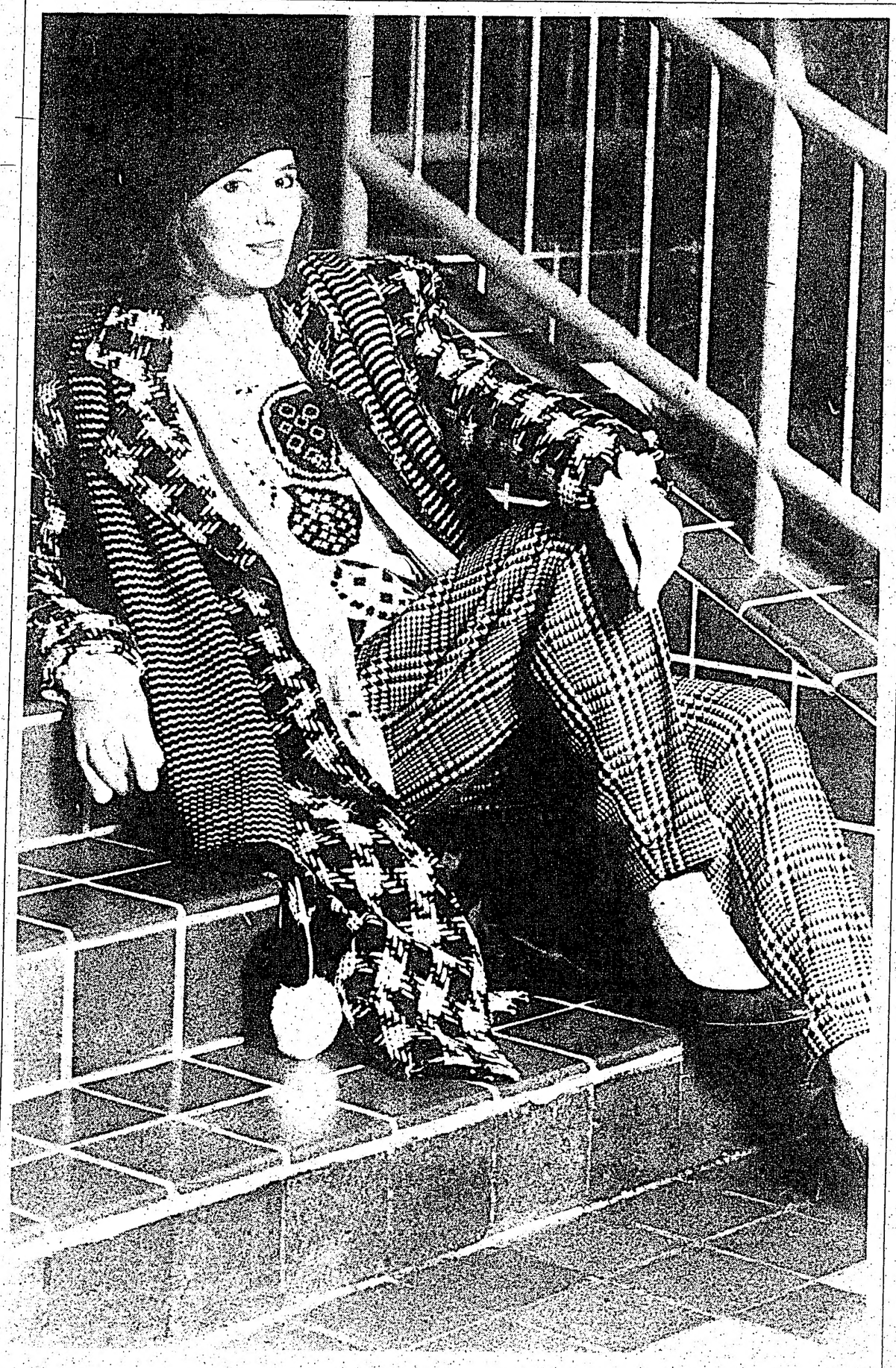

For the more adventurous, layered dressing for Fall '85 in black & white with yellow accents. Black & white paisley sweater, yellow sweater vest, overscale houndstooth-check coat, contrasting checkered pants, brilliant yellow stringed gloves, yellow & black striped pom pom scarf and black beret. From Le Chateau at Sherway Gardens.

Color quirks, fashions discussed by industry

Color sells a product; and selling information on colors that sell has become a big business too, judging from the response to a recent Colors that Sell lecture at Ryerson.

Students and teachers from many of the city's community colleges joined designers, press, and company executives to hear Faber Birren and Margaret Walch discuss the quirks and fashions of color.

Faber Birren, the author of 25 books on the subject of color, sees "a great future for color consultation" as a business and way of life.

In a witty presentation, he took the audience down the memory lane of "looks" American from 1933 to 1985.

The pattern was clear: "People seldom buy the same product in the same color twice."

Margaret Walch, in a short yellow-printed dress by Norma Kamali, talked of the fashion shades for late 1980's design.

A director of the Color Association of the U.S., Walch is also an associate editor of American Fabrics and Fashions Magazine and author of The Color Source Book.

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Gold jewelry key to wardrobe

Today's man committed to projecting fashion image

The 1985 man, says the Gold Information Centre, is firmly committed to projecting a fashion image. Trendsetting magazines and media heroes are strong influences, but individual lifestyle is ultimately the deciding factor. Following is a rundown of the latest trends in gold jewelry for men:

Executive Essentials — CEO, VP, entrepreneur; the corporate climber prefers a tailored wardrobe to suit his serious outlook. Karat gold engraved crest rings, ID bracelets and monogrammed accessories are his proud signature.

Classic cufflink shapes grace an elegant French cuff shirt and include knots, discs and buttons; some updated by colored stone accents and white/yellow gold combinations.

Another executive must-have is the karat gold watch, an important refinement of the professional with high goals. Watches show their faces with interesting surface treatments such as mixes of highly polished and matte finishes, along with heavy all-gold link and textured leather bands. New details include the chronograph and the man-in-the-moon.

The Sporting Gent — Cricket, polo and gold — interests outside the boardroom recently depicted at the Man and the Horse exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Dressing to win is ever so important and he will choose only the right elements in order to make a fashion statement.

Symbolic 14K interpretations include: golf clubs, jockey caps, horse shoes and cricket mallets as stickpins decorating a lapel. Hunting themes are also prevalent.

Stylized dogs, wild cats and foxes adorn rings, spruce up tie clips and become jaunty collar bars.

At the waist, chains are clipped from pocket to belt loop, sometimes with a dangling charm or a modernized pocket watch.

Fashion Forte — Confident and gold in his fashion approach, this trendsetter mixes patterns and textures in a highly individual way. Always in vogue, he chooses accessories with ultra-modern styling mellowed with the warmth of karat gold.

The jewelry features high-tech geometrics: squares, pyramids, hexagons and trapezoids sculpted into rings, cufflinks and collar bars.

The finishes can be sandblasted, polished or hammered; textured surfaces are corrugated, pleated and ridged. Trimming treatments include screw bits, nail head, studs and colored stones.

New elements mix with gold: stainless steel, leather, titanium, and rubber. Making news on the wrist are watchbands worn as bracelets, teamed with a sporty bi-color watch.

Smooth Sophisticated — Cary Grant, William Powell, Fred Astaire and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. all had "it." Sharp and impeccably dressed, their debonair style wooed matinee audiences. Today's man-style marks a return to movie star machismo of the 1940s.

Some of the most dashing jewelry looks for 85 are adapted from fabric patterns and romanticized into versions of brocades, foulards and paisleys.

Crest rings or tie tacs are softened by floral and foliage motifs and have new interest through the process of enamelling.

Men are adding the tacs to the shirt collar as well as wearing them like scatter pins on their suit lapel.

Also new is the chatelain pin linked from the shirt buttonhole to the shirt breast pocket.

Complete your professional image with style. Shown here, sophisticated textured yellow gold cufflinks and co-ordinating ring — both in 14k gold.

Theme of Lee fashions depicts sensual feeling

(STYLE)

In what was billed as Canada's first fashion rock video, Lee Canada recently unveiled its new fall fashion concept.

Designed for use in the hundreds of stores where Lee products are sold throughout the country, the 3-minute video has an open ended story line from which the viewer can make his or her interpretations.

The visual and musical imagery was designed to evoke a carefree sensual feeling embodied in Lee's current fall campaign slogan Let yourself go Sensual-Lee.

For fall, Lee has introduced a new merchandising concept that will cater to differing consumer tastes by segmenting them according to fashion preferences.

Each group in the fall line will have a cross-section of fashion influence: Essentials, moderate, medium and high.

Essentials are the basic blue jeans, sweats and jackets.

Moderate is for the relatively conservative consumer making the first move up to the world of fashion.

Medium offers a range for the consumer who is more aware of what is happening in today's fashion market.

High is for the consumer who invests heavily in new clothing and wants to make a definite fashion statement.

Additionally there is totally coordinated grouping throughout the line to meet the needs of the Canadian who wants 1-stop shopping.

This has been achieved through the development of pants and jackets in the same fabrics and colors, matching sweatshirts or sweaters and yarn dyed shirts that will pull every color story together.

• **New Blues** — pants and jackets in 12 oz. stonewash denim, yarn dye shirts in tartan red and fleece sweatshirts and vests available in the four tartan colors.

• **Crinkles** — pants and jackets in crinkle denim available in super stonewash and black, and yarn dye shirts in a black/gold combination. The group also includes an expected strong seller — a woman's baggy salopette.

• **Color Plays** — pants and jackets in an 8½ oz. brushed twill available in five colors; yarn dye shirts in 2-color combinations and fleece sweatshirts and vests in the five colors. Again a salopette is included in the grouping.

• **Smokey Darks** — pants and jackets in a plain weave fabric with a slub, in three colors. Yarn dye shirts are also available in co-ordinating colors.

• **Country Roads** — the corduroy group with pants and jackets featuring seven wale cord in six different colors and yarn dye shirts in two different color combinations. 100% cotton knit sweaters are also available in the six colors.

• **Knit Knacks** — a fun activewear group. Tops and bottoms are in 50% polyester/50% cotton fleece in three colors. This group features seven items and does not utilize the fashion intensity principle.

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Fashion

Timeless, creative clothes at Tanit

Clothes, like art, should transcend trends: retailer

By
LORI SMITH

Clothing should be timeless and creative — a work of art rather than a product of trends.

At least that's what Geraldine Eisen and Cristina Ferrer, owners of Tanit at 30 Avenue Rd., believe.

According to Eisen, clothing should not be so eccentric that it's out of style in a few years. Like art it should transcend trends.

Eisen and Ferrer are the sole Canadian retailers of the work of Dora Herbst, a designer whose clothes they feel are timeless and unusual.

Eisen explains that she first saw Herbst's designs five years ago when Ferrer came from Ibizia, an island between Spain and North Africa, to work as an au pair for her.

"I found I'd like things Cristina was wearing that were seven and eight years old."

Ferrer, whose sister is the first seamstress for Herbst, had worked in several boutiques on Ibizia that sold the designer's clothes.

"So I bought the clothes and when I came to Canada I had them. For the first few years here I didn't buy any clothes. But, I'd wear Dora's and people kept saying that they liked them."

This April on a trip to Ibizia the two women decided that there might be a market in Toronto for Herbst's clothes. On June 20, they opened Tanit.

Ferrer explains that Herbst is an international designer who first worked as an artist and then as a costume designer.

Eisen says that one of the things she likes most about Herbst's work is that she's not afraid to bring back styles that were popular in the past.

She'll bring something back because it has a beautiful line but she'll use a different fabric."

As an example, she pulls out a pair of cropped ladies' trousers with a high, almost Victorian waist. Similarly, she finds that many of the clothes have a style that dates back to the Renaissance.

One jacket with a long, full sleeve and body is done in a soft green and white brocade patterned material with insets of lace and satinet.

Eisen also points out the detail in the clothes: hand sewn hems, double stitched pockets, insets, the harmonious juxtaposition of patterns and textures.

She also explains that all of Herbst's outfits are free sized — one size fits most people. She says that it is essential that clothes be comfortable. If a woman isn't happy and relaxed in what she's wearing she can't be confident.

Eisen says the clothes aren't for young people.

"We cater to the professional women. Someone who is mature and wants something comfortable and classy to wear."

Ferrer says that in a society where women work, they often have to dress in a way that can take them through the whole day and into the evening.

But, she says, instead of wearing something conservative to the workplace a woman should wear something that is not crazy but creative.

In addition to Herbst's collection, Tanit offers a range of unusual items.

The handknit sweaters from Fortmentera, a small island close to Ibizia, are beautiful, unique and practical. Made with natural wool and organic dyes each is one of a kind.

"Every year a group of women on the island get together and decide on a motif," explains Ferrer. "Then each one just goes and knits up the sweaters. They don't use any patterns. This year the motif is houses."

She says that people get a satisfaction out of having something that is not factory made.

"There aren't 50,000 people wearing it."

Ferrer and Eisen are both very interested in carrying the work of young Toronto designers.

Currently, they feature t-shirts bearing designs by San Murata, an artist who created the posters for Toronto's Young People's Theatre and who has illustrated covers for Avenue magazine.

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Success for designer

VANCOUVER — For 25-year-old designer Rurak Roswell Smith, life is — well, larger than life.

His career has taken off like a space shuttle from a standing start two years ago, when the young professional ice skater branched out from creating costumes for himself and his partners to designing evening gowns in his mother's basement.

This fall he'll take over from Wayne Clark in the Craven "A" Special Moments travelling fashion extravaganza.

He was recently whisked in, by jet, for a personal appearance at the opening of the Boutique D'Or in Calgary, so eager clients could meet the designer of the $500 to $5,000 gowns they covet.

His collection, besides appearing in Creeds, Holt Renfrew, Ira Berg, Lipton's, The Room, Eaton's Signature Shops and the Mannequin chain, are also being snapped up by top boutiques across North America.

The latest coup? He's just taken on a wealthy silent partner.

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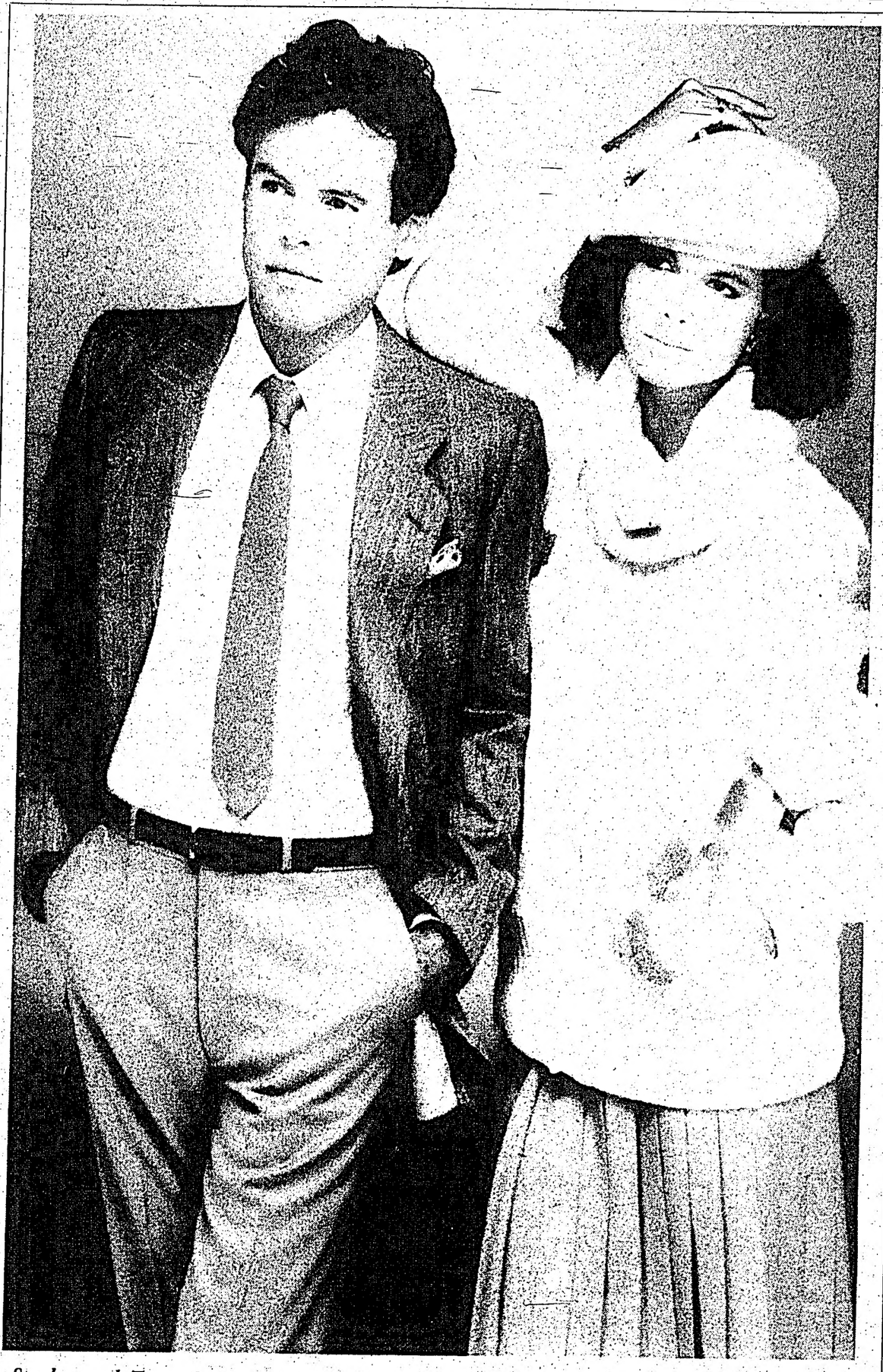

Scarborough Town Centre is presenting its Autumn Moods fashion shows daily through Sept. 20 at 12.15, 2.15 and 7.15 p.m. Included in the shows is this soft tan pleated wool skirt and new long-length pink oversized turtleneck, topped by a cream hip-hugging sweater coat with large floral print and a pink wool beret, all from the Trend Shoppe. He's relaxed in tan slacks, a fine-tweed jacket, cream shirt and aqua tie from Asher Menswear.

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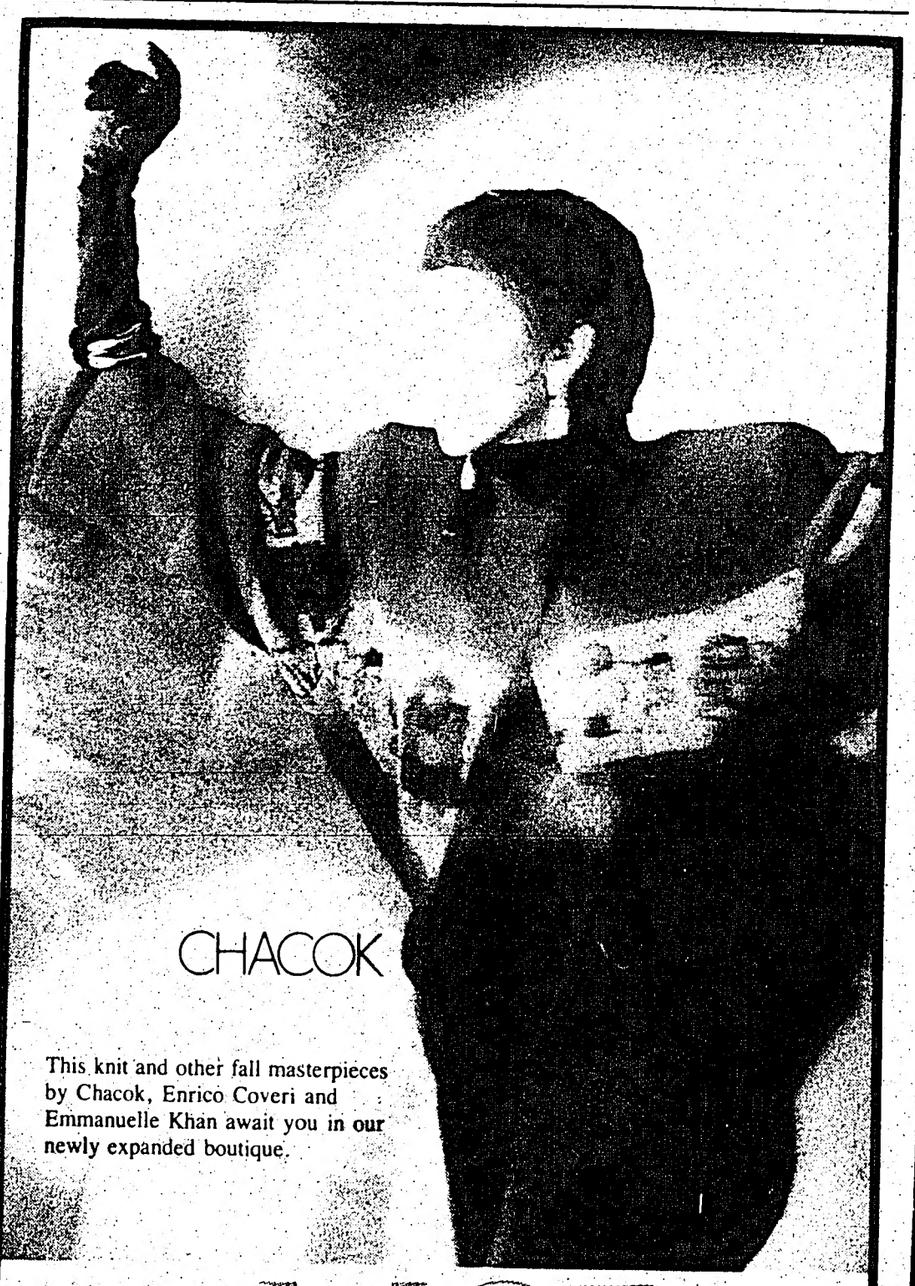

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A need for money starts business off and running

By
TRACY NESDOLY

(STYLE)

To earn spending money while going to university, brothers Paul and Mike Dyon decided to sell Brooks running shoes out of their residence rooms.

They drove from their campuses in Toronto and London to the Brooks warehouse in Pennsylvania, and brought back 60 pairs.

That was 1977. Today the two are the heads of Brooks in Canada, distributing over 90 styles of men's and women's athletic shoes, and they have their own factory which produces an extensive line of activewear.

"We didn't know how the whole thing would work. The first time we picked up the shoes, we bought mostly sizes 8½ or 9, our sizes, so if they didn't sell at least we would have our own supply," said Paul Dyon.

They needn't have worried. The first 60 pairs sold out, as did the 150 pairs they brought back the second time, as did the 250 they picked up on their third trip.

Brooks allowed them to be the Canadian representatives, and the Dyons formed their own company — RMP Athletic Locker — to handle the business they were generating.

"Brooks was unheard of in Canada in 1977. We discovered them by accident on a trip to Florida. Mike and I were in a store to buy another brand which was sold out, and the clerk suggested we try Brooks. We were very impressed and wrote a letter to the company to ask if we could bring them into Canada. We were lucky. It was a shot in the dark and it paid off," Dyon said.

By 1981 the Dyons were doing over $1-million in sales as licensed distributors of Brooks shoes. Sales tripled by 1983 and doubled again in 1984.

"We have some credibility with retailers because they know we are runners ourselves," Dyon said. His brother Mike is a marathon runner.

"We do our own product testing and we get a jump on the market because within days we can correct a problem that could take weeks to surface at retail."

The Dyons decided to manufacture activewear in 1981 as a natural extension of their business.

Like Brooks U.S., they began with a small group of runners' shorts and singlets, and activewear represented only about 5% to 10% of their business.

The Dyons have since gone in their own direction and have expanded the line into areas Brooks U.S. doesn't touch — casual cotton pants and shirts for weekend wear, plus a full range of fleece garments, T-shirts, short and six styles of running suits in either plain or crinkle nylon.

Last year they began a holiday line of casual clothes in prints and novelty fabrics, and this year will expand that to include 25 styles.

This "sideline" now represents 50% of their business and they've hired a clothing manager to develop the activewear further.

"We felt activewear was a logical way to increase our share of the market," Dyon said.

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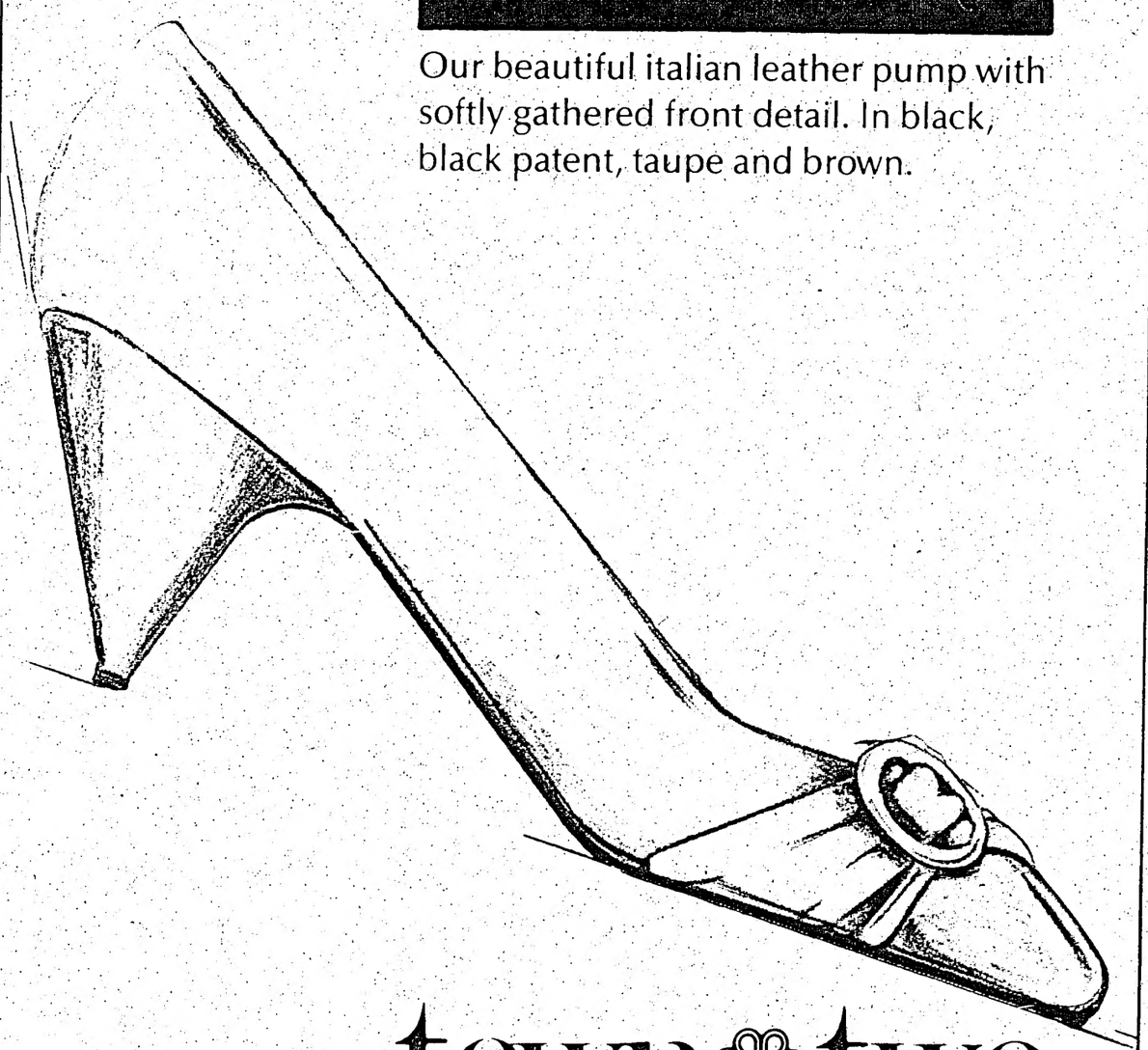

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Fashion

The advantages of sweaters increase their popularity

By
LORI SMITH

Sweaters have become an increasingly popular and versatile fashion item in the 1980s.

According to Roni Gordon, owner, designer and driving force behind Roni Hand Knits at 32 Apricot St., sweaters have become more popular as a fashion item for a number of reasons.

"They're easier to travel with. You don't have to worry about them creasing or wrinkling. You can just fold them up. They don't take up much room in your suitcase and they always look fresh and are comfortable.

"Also, a sweater with a skirt or pants, as opposed to a dress, will take you a lot further. A woman can wear the sweater with something else.

"She can dress it up or dress it down. Today women are even wearing leather skirts and beautiful sweaters to weddings. Five years ago they didn't."

A black and white checkerboard sweater of wool, rayon and silk blend with leather trim ($210) is worn by Gail Chapman of Nexus Models. (Barry Shainbaum photo)

In addition, Gordon says, women just like the feel of a sweater, and they like something different.

"The more daring, the more interesting the sweater is, the more women like it."

Gordon started making original hand knit sweaters seven years ago.

A housewife at the time, she explains that she wanted some of the very expensive sweaters available at stores but thought they were overpriced and that she could probably make them herself.

"So I made five and I thought I might have a product. I took the sweaters to a store and they wanted them all."

Today, Gordon works out of a studio on King Street W. And while she does all of the designing and coordinating of her sweaters and a lot of the finishing, she doesn't knit anymore.

"Everything is still hand knit. It's a cottage industry. I use a lot of senior citizens who work at home. I love the way they work and I feel good about it."

She says she tries to do sweaters that are a little different.

"This fall I've used a lot of very vibrant colors as opposed to muted tones, and I've made a lot of long sweaters."

Gordon explains that there are three basic structures she uses in the line.

"There's the unconstructed sweater. It's large and long. There's a sweater with a big sleeve, and a sweater with a semi-sleeve with pleating on the body of the garment."

She says that the last style is particularly flattering for larger women, and in fact she caters to the heavier person.

She also points out that she's never afraid to mix and match different yarns and patterns.

As an example she shows a taupe sweater made out of fine silk yarn with a panel that drapes across the front made of a cotton yarn with a mohair twist.

She explains that this sweater is also a perfect example of her seeing a yarn and then dreaming up a style to use it in.

"If I see a yarn that really thrills me it will give me an idea for a style or design. I like to work that way as opposed to a design first."

"She says she uses yarns, like silk and cotton, that can be worn all year round. And, this fall she has incorporated suede and leather into her designs.

Gordon says she has seen a lot of changes in sweaters.

"The old, functional wrap sweater or cardigan that we used to wear is coming back, but in a much dressier look. Sweaters used to be in one color, possibly two, but nothing elaborate.

"And years ago, you would use angora plus a silk maybe. Now you can use as many colors as you want and as many yarn weights as you want."

"Also, when I first started it was basically just a very tiny fitted sweater to the waist. Now you can do just about anything you wish, and if it's pretty and it fits well it's automatically in style."

Gail Chapman of Nexus Models wears this beige wrap of silk and cotton by Roni Hand Knits ($225). (Barry Shainbaum photo)

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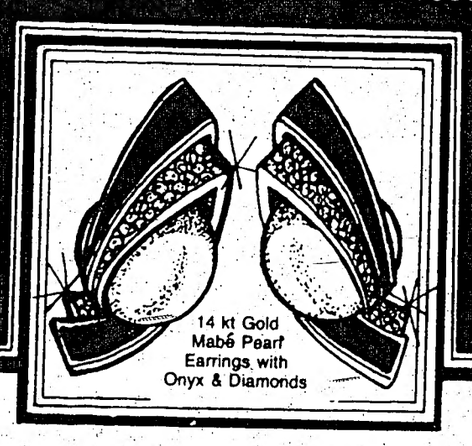

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Poor Toronto representation

Anthology looks at Jewish writers and their ethnicity

By
SHARON DRACHE

While the total number of ethnic groups contributing to the Canadian mosaic numbers over 60, we tend not to think of the assimilated Jew any more than we think of the Anglo-Saxon Protestant as bona fide "ethnic." Yet, what we think or wish to think and what factually exists, remains worlds apart.

Thematic sampling of voices

Contemporary Jewish writers of Canada have left a trail of paper in poetry and fiction affirming their ethnicity. In order to verify this claim, editors Sheldon Oberman (a teacher at the Jacob Wolinsky Collegiate in Winnipeg) and Elaine Newton (professor of humanities at York University in Toronto) present a thematic sampling of new and established voices in **Mirror of a People — Canadian Jewish Experience in Poetry and Prose** (Jewish Educational Publishers of Canada, $9.95).

Mordecai Richler once said, "To be a Canadian and a Jew is to leave the ghetto twice." Oberman and Newton elaborate: "Growing up Jewish and Canadian meant coming to terms with both ethnic and Jewish ambiguities, with episodes of anti-semitism and with unprecendented possibilities."

The first chapter of the anthology, an excerpt from Adele Wiseman's novel, The Sacrifice, sets the tone, faithfully documenting the rites of passage of immigrant Jewry, dipping as far back as the Bible for primary sources.

It is no accident that Wiseman's immigrants are named Abraham and Isaac. In Manitoba, father and son face the same metaphorical tests as their biblical namesakes. The contemporary twist is betrayal by death. Biblical Isaac survives but Winnipeg Isaac dies after he saves a Holy Scroll from a synagogue fire. The Sacrifice was published in 1956, long enough after the World War II for the terrible facts to be absorbed: God had not died but six million Jews had been brutally and systematically slaughtered.

The late A. M. Klein (1909-1972) takes a similar tack. His protagonist is a Canadian whose alter ego, Uncle Melech, writes to his nephew after a Russian pogrom, "I have taken on myself the yoke of exile. . . ."

The nephew is compelled to trek through Europe and the Middle East in search of his quixotic uncle whom he catches up with only after he has been murdered. Once again, death is an affirmation of Jewish life and faith: the immigrant's burden becomes his blessing.

The blessing of the new world is embraced in different ways. In Ted Allen's Lies My Father Told Me, a young boy unconditionally accepts and loves all his grandfather stands for.

But Mordecai Richler and Leonard Cohen have a different approach. Their feeling for their ethnicity is based on learned love, a carefully nurtured awe which they pass continuously under the microscope while an ominous shadow lurks in the background.

Both Richler and Cohen are represented by several seminal pieces. We are reminded that both are brutally honest and that Cohen, whom we think of as a poet, has written superb fiction.

Three excerpts from The Favorite Game, Cohen's highly autobiographical novel set in Montreal features Lawrence Breavman, a brilliant, privileged and deeply alienated young man. A walk in the park reveals Breavman's sentiments. "At night the park was his domain: he tried to distinguish the sound of acacia from the sound of maple . . . Breavman hated the men floating in sleep in the big stone houses because their lives were orderly and tidy. Because they got up in the morning and did their public work. Because they weren't going to dynamite their factories and have naked parties in the fire." Of the men sweeping with wire-bound brushes, Cohen's Breavman says, "It must be nice to use something that real."

While the park scene calls to mind Salinger's Catcher in the Rye, an excerpt about Breavman's mother, exposing the conditioned guilt of Jewish sons, equals if not surpasses Philip Roth's Mrs. Portnoy.

Mrs. Breavman tries to coax Lawrence out of bed in the early afternoon with repeated offers of culinary delights. When he refuses all food, she rushes to her bedroom and locks the door. Throwing open her closet she proceeds to rip all her clothes including a recently purchased black lace nightgown. "What good are they, what good are they, when a son is killing his mother . . . he heard every sound, his cheek pressed against the wood."

Guilt and the fruit it bears is often a consuming topic for male Jewish writers. Only one female, a relatively new voice, Sondra Gotlieb, treads on this masculine literary territory. In an excerpt, The Wrongies, from True Confections, a novel set in Winnipeg for which Gotlieb won the 1978 Leacock Medal for Humor, she uncovers some of the untidiness beneath the surface of Winnipeg's longer established North End Jewry; the population that moved to the mansions of Wellington Crescent.

Another Winnipeg author, also a new voice, Ed Kleiman, is represented by his story, The Handicap. Without stereotypical Jewish male guilt, Kleiman transforms a mother's nagging about food into a very humorous tale about a Jewish boy at Scout camp.

Demographically, the 21 contributions are skewed in favor of theme, 10 authors from Montreal and seven from Winnipeg.

The biggest disappointment is the poor Toronto representation. Only two authors born and raised in Toronto are included, poets Ken Sherman and Phyllis Gotlieb, and the latter has abandoned her poet's pen for science fiction. Startling Toronto omissions are poet Joe Rosenblatt, essayists Rick Salutin and Erna Paris and novelist and playwright, Helen Weinzweig.

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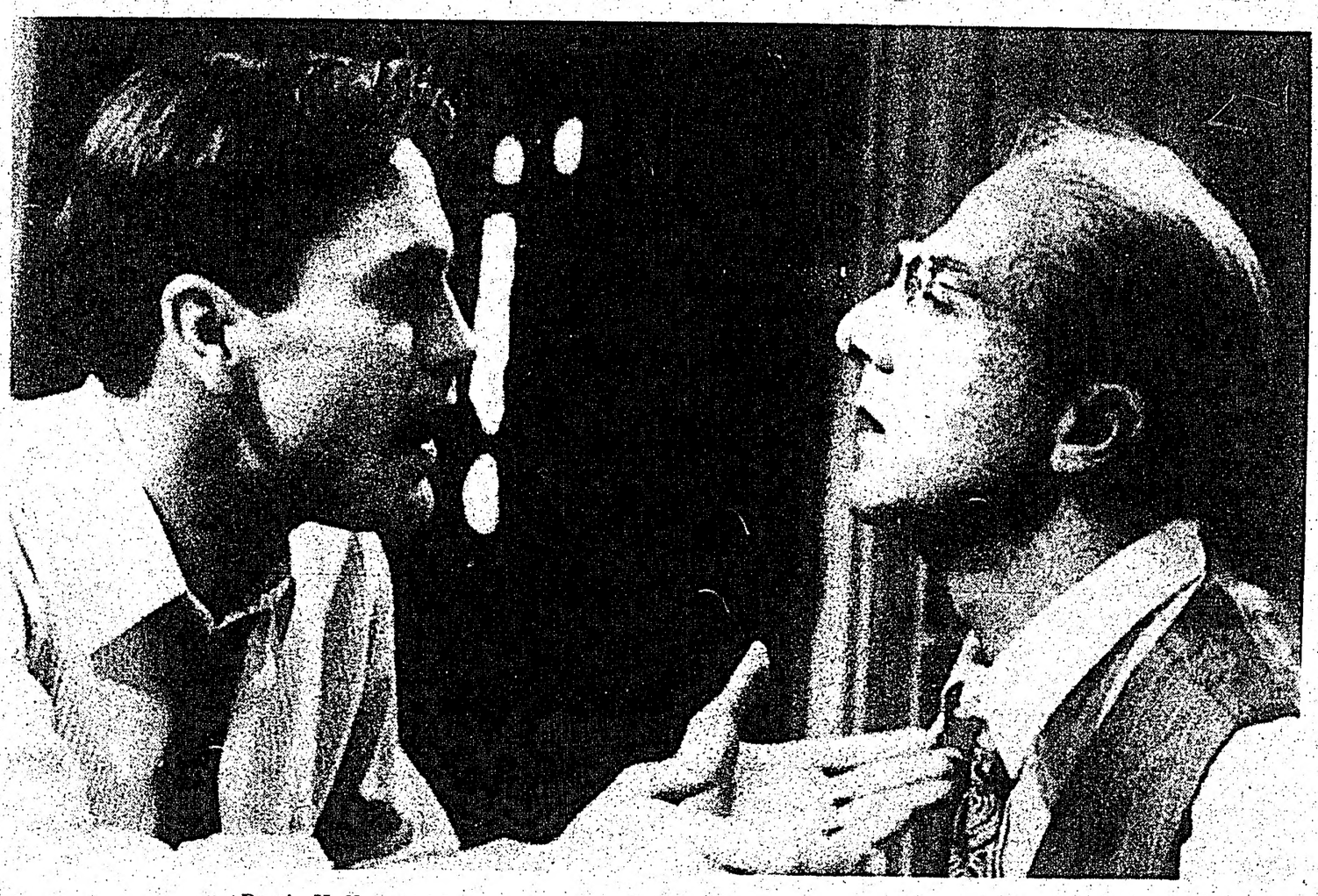
Schlondorff creates jolting, riveting cinema

Death of a Salesman on the screen is triumphant

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER



Dustin Hoffman (right) and John Malkovich in a scene from Death of a Salesman.

Arthur Miller's play, Death of a Salesman, now brought to the screen by German filmmaker Volker Schlondorff, is a classic of the American theatre.

Death of a Salesman, shown at last week's 10th annual Toronto film festival, is a piercing examination of the myths, assumptions and realities in American society and in one man's life.

Willy Loman, the central character created by Miller, is a man at odds with himself and his older son. He is a hopeless dreamer, perhaps a fool, who cannot come to grips with the real world. And when he finally does, the experience shatters him.

It is not a pretty story with obligatory optimistic undertones. It is unrelentingly bleak in outlook. Miller dissects his world mercilessly and lets the chips fall where they may. Death of a Salesman is not a fairytale.

Schlondorff, an accomplished director, has performed a stellar feat in faithfully translating Miller's searing play into cinematic form. This is jolting, riveting cinema.

Dustin Hoffman plays Willy, a 60ish burned-out garment salesman whose life has essentially been one big lie. The trouble with Willy, a good, decent man, is that he cannot face the truth about himself and his two boys, Biff and Happy, both of whom have failed.

Willy, who has deep and abiding faith in the so-called American Dream, understands the theory but not the practice of success. Willy knows that superficial niceties and bravado count, but he overestimates their importance. He is loyal to his company and gives his boss full value for his money, but doesn't realize that he is just an old shoe who can be replaced in an instant.

Willy, who has always discounted Happy, has high hopes for Biff, handsome, athletic and, in his opinion, made for greatness. With Biff a failure at the age of 34, Willy is tormented and torn. Such is his anguish and disappointment that he and Biff continually fight. It is a classic love-hate relationship.

The verbal jousting between Willy and Biff affects Willy's loving wife, Linda, a knowing, bedraggled soul who tries mightily to save her husband from self-immolation and her son from total familial estrangement.

Linda's inability to arrest the decline is not unexpected. Fate has already intervened and cannot be stopped from unfolding in all its tragic dimensions.

Schlondorff's direction is faultless. Death of a Salesman, at 140 minutes, is a rather long film. And yet a viewer's interest is not likely to recede.

Hoffman, in a word, is magnificent. Magically transformed into an aging, shuffling and pathetically supine human being hanging on desperately for salvation, Hoffman brings a wealth of nuances and immense, subtle power to his role.

John Malkovich, who portrays Biff, complements Hoffman. By turns noble and nasty, eloquent and mute, he is a quiet, formidable force.

Kate Reid, as Linda, is just as effective. Alternately dowdy and vibrant, tender and ferocious, she moves heaven and earth to protect her vulnerable Willy. The sense of resignation and defeat etched on her face tells it all.

This is a triumphant Death of a Salesman: This is exhilarating movie-making.

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The Holocaust devastated the Jews of Holland, a country with a long tradition of tolerance. Ninety percent of the Jewish population was exterminated, despite a wave of revulsion which greeted Nazi attempts to isolate and deport the Jews.

Bitter Sweet, which was screened recently at Toronto's 10th annual film festival, deals with that dark period in Holland's history.

The plot turns on a middle-class Jewish family, the Meyers, who gradually and painfully learn to accept the awful reality that the Germans really are serious about implementing their anti-semitic policies in the Netherlands.

Although the Meyers and other Jews can no longer visit parks or use public transportation, they initially seem blithely impervious to the insults. And when they are forced to wear the demeaning yellow star on their clothes, they minimize this indignity as well.

Sol Meyer, a good-natured optician who likes playing the piano, bravely but foolishly tells his teenaged daughter, Sara, that the yellow star is "a badge of honor."

And when Sara tries on her yellow star, she jokes about it, as if it signifies nothing.

Sara should not be so naive, for she has already been ejected from a hospital because of her Jewish background.

However, the grim truth takes time to sink in, and it fills her every pore after her parents receive a "summons" to leave their town and report to live in a "special district" in Amsterdam.

Judith Meyer, ever hopeful, promises to be back soon, and she avers that Jews having "nothing to fear" in Holland. But Sara, having defied regulations by taking a commuter train to the capital, discovers that the Nazis are dispatching Jews to the Westerbork concentration camp.

In Amsterdam, she is reunited with her parents, who still persist in the mistaken belief that only elderly Jews are being rounded up by the Nazis and their Dutch collaborators. When *they* are taken away, shortly after Sol breaks the Sabbath challah one night, Sara makes a break for it.

David, her brother, and his wife, Lottie, have no illusions, having obtained new, Aryan identity cards from the resistance. But they, too, are caught up by the Holocaust. Only Sara, who has an odd relationship with the daughter of a local Nazi leader, manages to save herself.

Bitter Sweet, which is based on a book by Marga Minco and is ably produced by Rob Houwer, is a modest but strong film, building to its climax with an intelligent relentlessness.

Two of the actors, Esther Spitz (Sara) and Gerard Thoolen (Sol), give Bitter Sweet a soft-edged melancholia that is often quite effective.

Bitter Sweet must be ranked as one of the better films on the Holocaust. It avoids the cheap sentimentality that is so often the bane of the genre and it is well constructed.

Filmmakers setting out to enlighten the world on the Holocaust can learn much from Bitter Sweet.

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Three performing in Tantrums

Aarons family actors really believe in togetherness

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
The Aarons family believes that the Jewish family that acts together stays together.

Three of them — father Allan Aarons, 46, his daughter Jordana, 19, and son Riel, 15 — are all actors performing in Tantrums.

It's a collage of four 1-act plays written and directed by Toronto's avant-garde dramatist Hrant Alianak, which opened last week at the Canadian Rep Theatre at 121 Avenue Rd. (925-0025) for a 3-week run until Sept. 28.

"My wife, Marlene, is also involved as makeup designer for the stage production," says Allan Aarons.

The Toronto-born son of a Polish immigrant tailor, he worked as a truck driver, car hop, Popsicle maker, janitor and Palmerston Public School teacher, until he became a full-time actor in 1971.

"It's a dicey, kamakaze profession," he says. "But we all love hamming it up in the theatre — kosher-style, of course. And we all get the chance to pretend together, whether play-acting joyful or horrific roles."

His enthusiasm is shared by his gifted children.

Jordana, a pretty, singing, piano-playing actress, with long tresses of chestnut hair, is a theatre arts student at George Brown College.

"I like the intellectual challenge of the theatre," she says. "You don't just stand up and perform. There's a lot of brainwork involved in perfecting a role. I work at it 24 hours a day — even dreaming about my part when I sleep."

Riel, a blond, mop-haired, Bruce Lee look-alike, sings, dances and writes plays, and most recently played the role of the street-smart Deisel in a production of West Side Story at Malvern Collegiate.

"It's fun to be Jewish and it's even more fun to be an actor," he says. "On the stage, you can escape from mundane life by doing anything and being anybody you want."

They agree with their thespian father that every acting family has one characteristic in common.

"That is the suffering we all share on opening night of having butterflies in the stomach," sums up Allan Aarons.

"No matter how experienced you are, you still endure that sweaty, fearful feeling before you go on. Like belief in the Bible, acting is not so much a matter of confidence but of pure faith."

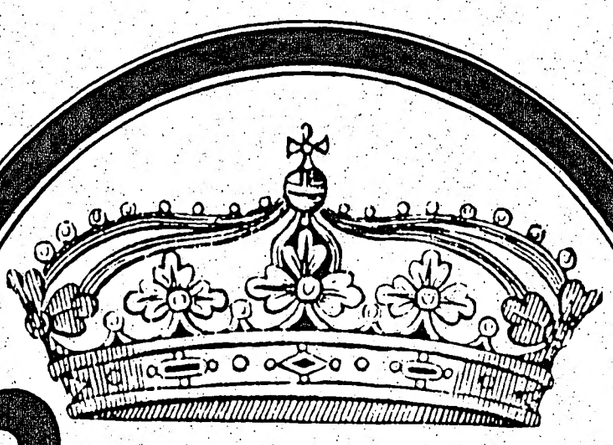
Father Allan Aarons and his children Jordana and Riel play a scene in Tantrums.

Precious Legacy related programs

The Precious Legacy exhibit of over 300 Judaic artifacts looted by the Nazis in Czechoslovakia opened Sept. 14 at the Royal Ontario Museum. But in addition to the display, there will be dozens of concurrent programs at the ROM. The Canadian Jewish News will announce these activities every week on these pages.

- On Sept. 22 at 3 p.m., the first of three chamber music concerts will take place in the ROM theatre. The series kicks off with harpist Erica Goodman, violinist Mark Childs, oboist Lawrence Cherny, flautist Suzanne Shulman and cellist Coenraad Bloemendahl. They will perform Bloch's Rhapsody from Suite Hebraique, Milton Barnes' Variations and Mozart's Adagio and Rondo, among others. The show will attempt to capture the spiritual feel and traditional styles of the Jewish Eastern European heritage. Admission is $8 for adults and $6 for students and seniors.
- A 10-part film series gets under way Sept. 22 at 7.30 p.m. in the ROM Rep Cinema, with Josh Waletzsky's 1980 documentary Image Before My Eyes, a critically-acclaimed film that examines the life of pre-war Jews in Poland. The story is told in rare footage, narration and the oral testimony of Holocaust survivors. Admission is $3, and $2 for seniors and students.
- On Sept. 24 from noon to 1 p.m., part 2 of Abba Eban's Heritage: Civilizations and the Jews series will be screened in the ROM Theatre. This is a 9-part series with each instalment shown every Tuesday from noon to 1. Admission is free for seniors only, included with ROM admission for others.
- Also in the ROM theatre, a series of documentary films on the history, customs and culture of Judaism will be showed. On Sept. 21 at 2.30 p.m., Sabbath of Peace will be screened, followed at 4 p.m. by The Remnant. All these documentaries will be shown on weekends at 2.30 and 4 p.m. until the end of November.
- Orientation films are ongoing. A 29-minute film entitled The Precious Legacy, designed to acquaint viewers to the display, is free with admission. The Life That Disappeared, a 15-minute slide presentation featuring the photos of Roman Vishniac, will continue weekdays through Sept. 29.
- Family matinees begin Sept. 22 at 12.30 and 2 p.m. with dancers Marshall Pynkoski and Jeannette Zingg, who will interpret biblical themes through dance. The matinees will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the ROM until November and will feature storytelling, traditional song, Yiddish tales and readings.
- A 6-part lecture series gets under way Sept. 26 at 7.30 p.m. with a talk by Linda Altshuler, the director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington. Lectures will be held in the ROM theatre every Thursday. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for students and seniors. Admission to the entire series is $40 for adults, $28 for seniors and students.

For information on these and other programs, call the ROM at 978-5475/3991.



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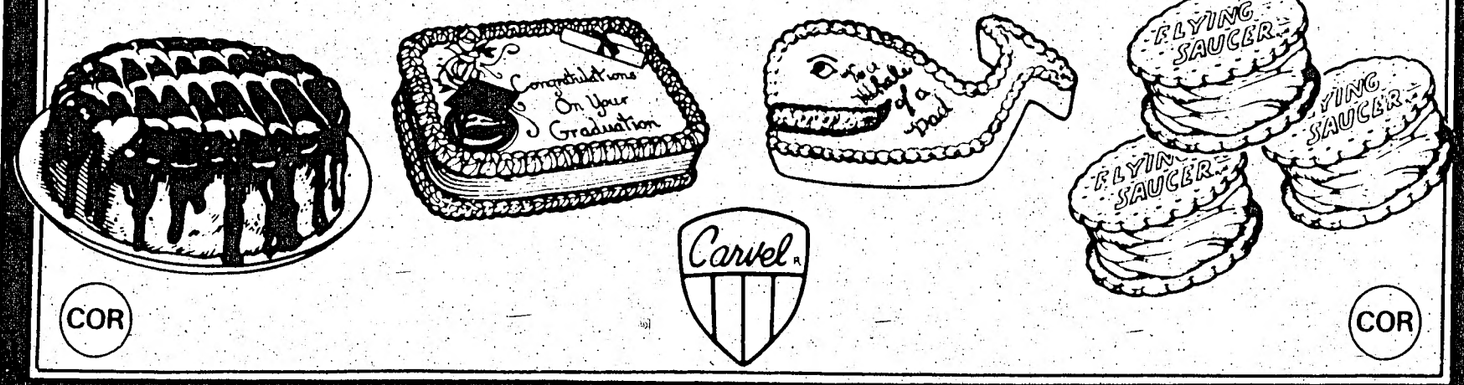

Arts

Steve Devereaux leads his six brothers in singing Sobbin' Women in Seven Brides For Seven Brothers musical.

. . . If'n you cotton to just-folks cornpone

Seven Brides plumb sassy music show

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Wa'al, folks, you was askin' about this here music show with the long name of Seven Brides For Seven Brothers, and if it's worth yore moseyin' down to that there Royal Alex Theatre to see the thing.

Wa'al, depends on how you feel about them there folky music shows put on by that feller Walt Disney 'bout 40 years ago.

If you liked the wholesome stuff that Walt dished out for the whole fambly, then the answer is yep. It's a plumb sassy show, with these seven mighty purty gals in dimity and calico dresses and seven foot-shufflin', aw-shucks backwoods fellers in coonskin caps doin' a lot of dancin' an' singin' and yippy-yi-yayin' and hollerin'.

But if you don't go for any of that there just-folks Disney cornpone, the answer is nope. You ought to stay away from the dadburn, gole-durn thing, folks, like you'd run away from a hungry ba'ar hoofin' it on yore tail . . .

This reviewer's answer is nope, after being subjected to the relentlessly cute, sweet and ersatz folk talk being purveyed currently at the Royal Alexandra until Oct. 19.

It's not the only flaw in this British production, which only fleetingly resembles the 1954 Hollywood film musical, starring Jane Powell, Howard Keel and Russ Tamblyn.

If you saw the original, you'll recall the truly dynamic choreography, with the dancers seeming to leap right out of the screen, and the utterly fetching Johnny Mercer tunes, which included such catchy show stoppers as Bless Your Beautiful Hide and Sobbin' Women.

Unfortunately, the cheerful tunes are the only redeeming feature of this stilted and dated reworking of the movie.

Steve Devereaux is disappointing as the Oregon backwoods bachelor of the 1850s who marries a town girl and brings her home to the mountain shack to keep house for himself and his six brothers. He's a tall, handsome hunk, but plays the role like a wooden combination of Li'l Abner and Buffalo Bill.

Roni Page as the town girl, Milly, combines a syrupy manner with a shrill, nasal singing voice, and her six sisters are as individualistic as a row of Debbie Reynolds lookalikes in taffeta.

But most disappointing was the choreography by Stephanie Carter. According to the program notes, she has staged dances for such British pantomimes as Cinderella and Aladdin, and is most notable for her recent choreographing of Oklahoma! at Colchester.

Wa'al, folks, an Agnes De Mille, she ain't. As for the new songs and dialogue added by producer Michael Winter, they're so corned-up and sorghummed molasses-sweet, you may well feel you're suffering from a dose of diabetes.

Torgov tales head for NY

NEW YORK —

New Yorkers will have a chance to learn something about growing up Jewish in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., when two plays based on stories from Morley Torgov's A Good Place to Come From are staged in repertory by the American Jewish Theatre this fall.

The plays, the first consisting of two stories — Today I Am a Fountain Pen and A Rosen by Any Other Name, and the second, The Chopin Playoffs, were first dramatized by Israel Horovitz and shown on CBC. According to The New York Times, the TV plays were rejected by American networks as "too special."

Sixteen North American Jewish community centres joined to commission adaptations for the stage.

Haifa film festival offers late summer holiday extra

HAIFA —

Tourists eager to combine the pleasures of a late summer vacation in Israel with the opportunity to watch some outstanding films in a holiday atmosphere should take note of the Third Haifa International Film Festival to be held here Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

More than 40 films from some 20 countries will be screened, including the premieres of a number of Israeli productions.

The festival will be enhanced by street musicians, festive street lighting, special art exhibitions, free outdoor screenings and other surprises the organizers have in store for this year's event.

Children's story can teach adults

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Books for young children and preschoolers...

Barbara Cohen's *The Secret Grove (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, $7.95)* contains a lesson adults may well ponder.

Set in the years prior to the 1967 Six Day War, this is an engaging story about two boys, one Jewish and the other Arab, who become friends in spite of the official state of war between Israel and Jordan.

Beni, going on 10, is an Israeli boy who lives in the border town of Kfar Saba, a stone's throw away from the Jordanian settlement of Qalqilya.

Against his better judgment, he ventures toward the frontier and, in an orange grove, comes upon an Arab boy of his age wearing a kaffiyeh.

They strike up a friendship and decide to meet secretly on a regular basis. They even plant citrus seeds in the ground.

For reasons which remain unexplained, Beni and Ahmed do not see each other again as 20 years pass. In the meantime, Beni has fought in a war. Their friendship may have been a brief one, but the seeds they planted have sprouted and yielded luscious oranges.

The moral of the story, of course, is that mutual suspicion and hatred can be overcome if people are prepared to meet each other as equals. And the results of such meetings, as Cohen suggests, may be fruitful indeed.

Preschoolers can also use a lesson in basic humanity.

In *The Pied Piper of Hamelin (Oxford University Press, $9.95)*, Val Biro retells, and illustrates, an old German fairy tale.

Town elders want to get rid of the rats which plague the town. The Pied Piper agrees to solve their problem in return for a monetary consideration. After he has purged Hamelin of rats, the mayor reneges on the deal, and the Pied Piper retaliates.

The long and short of it all is that the mayor lives to regret his calumny, and righteousness triumphs. The Pied Piper of Hamelin recounts these turn of events with verve.

Wilberforce the bear decides to help his grandparents shop, with unexpected results. In *Wilberforce Goes Shopping (Penguin, $3.95)* Margaret Gordon neatly jazzes up what might otherwise have been a pretty conventional trip to the market.

Children just becoming aware of themselves and their surroundings will enjoy *Play With the Care Bears (Random House, $7.25)*, a pocket-sized booklet which enables them to admire themselves in a tiny mirror and to feel the texture of sand, foam and cotton.

Bobbi Katz's text is straightforward, while Bobbi Barto's illustrations rise up beyond the ordinary.

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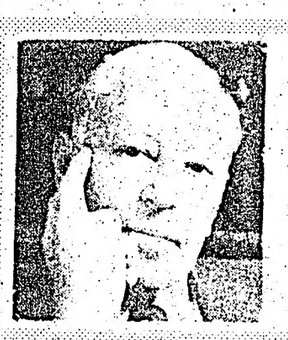

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Perfect Peace, by Amos Oz. Academic Press, $24.65.

This disturbing, intelligent, many-sided novel is set in 1965 Israel. The central character is 26-year-old Yonatan Lifshitz, born and reared on Kibbutz Granot. He is the son of kibbutz secretary Yolek, gruff Labour Party pioneer and once a close friend and political antagonist of Levi Eshkol, now Prime Minister of the land.

Yonatan is unhappy. He finds his life monotonous and his work without meaning. His wife Rimona, beautiful but stolid, unable or unwilling to give him a child, offers few satisfactions to the melancholy introvert. His discount is vague but real, a constant burden in the "long and rainy winter between wars."

Trapped and despairing he prepares for a dramatic gesture. He silently rehearses farewell speeches: "Father. Mother. Goodbye . . . you gave me a white, white room with a housemother in a white, white apron who fed me white, white cream to make me a clean, honest hard-working Jewish boy with a soul of forged steel. . . . You poor suffering heroes, you miserable messiahs of the Jews, you tame-souled tamers of the wilderness, you crazy saviors of Israel."

Yolek is determined to achieve continuity and vindication for himself and his ideals through his son — and his unborn grandchildren. They must fulfil the dream of Zion restored, carry on Israel's magnificent achievements. His heart is chilled by the ingratitude and puzzling ways of the younger generation.

He writes in fear and frustration to his friend Eshkol: "In vain, my friend, was all our devotion, in vain all our dreams, in vain all the years we plotted with subtle cunning to save the Jewish people. . . . An ill wind is tearing it all up now. Pulling it up by the roots. I tell you, it's the end of everything. The cities. The towns. The kibbutzim. And worse of all, of course, the youth. The Devil has had the last laugh."

Yonatan on a death trip leaves the kibbutz for the forbidden city of Petra in Jordan. In the dark and unearthly stillness of a wilderness night the uncertain youth experiences an episode of catharsis and total release. He vomits, urinates and listens to the reverberation of his gun amid the surrounding hills.

A newcomer to the kibbutz is Azariah Gitlin. He is fresh from army service, a student of philosophy and an unabashed idealist. He moves in with Yonatan and Rimona. Who knows if the child that Rimona eventually bears is that of her husband or the eager house guest?

At the outbreak of the Six Day War a kind of peace descends upon the kibbutz as its members are drawn together in the struggle for Israel's existence and the quest for new meaning in their own lives.

This is a long, ambitious book and Oz is often eloquent in portraying the feelings of his characters and in limning the gaunt Biblical landscape. Unfortunately, his men and women lack the attributes of courage, devotion and faith that would make them masters rather than victims of their fate.

Yonatan's desert revelation and transformation seem contrived and unbelievable and the attempt to unravel personal problems against the background of Israel's political and social landscape is not always successful.

Nevertheless, this novel, written by a resident of Kibbutz Hulda for over 30 years, a veteran of the 1967 and 1970 wars and one of the country's most talented writers, is a powerful, truthful statement about a nation still in flux and the stubborn problems of the generations conflict.

Judaica museum in Japan created by calligrapher

By
STEVE KANTOR

KYOTO, Japan —

Amidst the Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples in the old capital of Kyoto, a famous Japanese calligrapher, Kampa Harada has established and collected the largest assortment of Judaica in the Far East.

Harada established this medley to encourage cultural exchange and to express his own personal interest in Judaism and Israel. Jewish visitors to Kyoto will see remarkable similarities between Hebrew letters and the beautiful flowing Chinese characters, Kanji, come to life at the Kampo Kaikan Museum.

The museum, in a serene garden, houses 300,000 documents, including 3,000 volumes of Hebrew literature and Judaica and a dozen Torah scrolls housed in a small ark, including famed 17th and 18th century Eastern European Talmuds; artifacts from everyday Jewish life are dispersed among the intercultural exhibit.

Kampa Harada, a Japanese man who is believed of Jewish ancestry, is the driving force behind this expression of intercultural interest in Japan. Harada was born in Japan in 1911 and began to study calligraphy and ancient Chinese literature in his youth. During the post-World War II era, he feared the growing secularism in his country and the decline in traditional crafts and customs and founded the Nippon Shuji Educational Federation to teach orthodox calligraphy and the traditional spiritual nature of brush writing. The private schools now have over 800,000 students in over 18,000 branches.

Kampo's first foray in the field of cultural preservation and exchange was during the Chinese cultural revolution in the late 1960s when he rescued thousands of Chinese ancient manuscripts and brought them from China to Japan. These manuscripts formed the core of the World Study Library, a multilingual treasury of world culture that is open to the public.

David Dvash, the amiable curator openly welcomes the public to browse through the chronicles of books spread throughout the collection on Judaism, Israel and Jews in the Far East. Dvash believes that there are in fact similarities between Japanese Shinto and Jewish religious rituals.

According to Dvash, Kampo Harada's interest in Judaism stems in part from his belief that his ancestors were Jewish and may be part of the 10 lost tribes of Israel. Dvash says that Harada sensed the Jewish people's deep respect for the Torah and education.

Near the Kampo Kaikan Museum is the Heian Shrine, an exquisite 1895 replication of a 794 palace in which the largest torii gate of Japan stands before a misty lake with stepping stone bridges.

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Arts

Winnipeg's Finjan plays the real thing

A bold new generation of klezmerim has emerged

By
JANICE ARNOLD

WINNIPEG — Former Montrealer Eli Herscovitch, after graduating in music from McGill University, went west to play saxophone with the Regina Symphony and the clarinet with the Winnipeg Symphony. More recently, though, he has put his classical background to use in reviving a type of popular Jewish music whose origins are in the Middle Ages.

Klezmer (meaning "instruments of song") is characterized by spirited, heart-felt Yiddish melodies, drawn from the folkmusic of the eastern European countries itinerant Jewish minstrels traveled through and mixed with some liturgical music.

It survived over the centuries in the small Jewish towns as the music of weddings and all kinds of celebrations. Klezmer though was largely forgotten as Jews migrated to North America, except for a few immigrant musicians who continued the tradition for a small community of fans. On this continent, klezmer was influenced by jazz and some compare its sound to Dixieland.

A new generation of klezmerim has emerged this decade in North America, groups of young musicians who are bringing back this music form to a much wider audience. One of these groups is Finjan, founded by Herscovitch and a couple of other Winnipeg musicians.

Herscovitch and Martin (Kinzey) Posen, who had been playing at weddings and bar mitzvahs together, teamed up three years ago with another band led by Myron Schultz, also doing the wedding/bar mitzvah circuit.

Together they became the sextet Finjan, which is actually a Turkish word for a coffee mug. Posen explains that this brings to mind the conviviality of people sitting around together sharing a pot of coffee in a smoky hall, the kind of place where klezmer would be at home.

Finjan, thought to be the only group in Canada devoted to authentic klezmer, made its Montreal debut at the recent Yiddish Festival held in the open air at Hampstead Park. This annual event, organized by the Yiddish Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, drew 4,000 people, according to committee director Sara Rosenfeld.

The members of Winnipeg's Finjan, a klezmer musical group, are (from left) Myron Schultz, Martin (Kinzey) Posen, Shayla Fink, Victor Schultz, Daniel Koulack and Eli Herscovitch.

Posen's wife, Shayla Fink, who sings and plays guitar and accordion in Finjan, comes from a family steeped in the klezmer tradition. Her grandfather played violin as a klezmer musician in Poland and her grandmother gave them a book of klezmer melodies which Finjan has used. Other songs have been picked up from records and other old sheet music.

Posen, who is on double bass and vocals, calls klezmer melodies "simple but driving.

"It's a toe-tapping, dance-to kind of music. It inspires people," he said. Finjan mixes a little comedy with its performances, often entering into a dialogue with the audience.

But the beauty of klezmer is its adaptablity, said Posen, which allows musicians to impart their own personality to a particular song. Finjan has also written some of its own material and has a cassette tape out called Where were you before Prohibition? Their most requested song, by far, though is the old favorite Romania.

The members of the group, aged between 20 and 35, have varied musical backgrounds, including classical, bluegrass, jazz, rock and country, which has given Finjan its unique sound, said Posen. Between them, they play about a dozen instruments.

Finjan's popularity in Winnipeg extends beyond the 16,000-member Jewish community and its concerts have been attended by the college-age through senior citizens. Their music has been nationally broadcast on CBC radio.

A concert at the Fort Garry Hotel last February with Finjan combining klezmer music with classical compositions, entitled Klezmer and Klassics, was taped and will be aired in the fall on the CBC radio program Arts National.

Finjan has performed at the Winnipeg Folk Festival each year since 1983, and at folk-ins this summer in Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto. The group is booked to play at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

One Winnipeg critic called Finjan's music "both rowdy and rousing in the best possible way, as warm and vibrant as the people whose cultures combine to make it what it is."

Love of klezmer, rather than the money, at least thus far, has been the main motivation for keeping Finjan going. All of the members have kept their regular jobs: Herscovitch and Fink are teachers, and Posen and Schultz do urban research at the University of Winnipeg. The other members, Schultz' brother Victor and Daniel Koulack were both sort of child prodigies in music — Victor on the violin and Daniel more inclined toward the banjo.

They would like to tour more, said Posen, but in the meantime travel will have to be restricted to summer vacations or weekends.

Travel in Mexico, Morocco

Guides give no-nonsense clarity

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mexico and Morocco conjure up certain pungent images to a traveler who's been to both these countries.

Mexico, with its rich Hispanic-Indian traditions, is the sun-baked land of Inca pyramids, ornate whitewashed colonial churches set in cool courtyards, and dazzling modernesque hotels overlooking the churning green Pacific.

Morocco, with the largest Jewish population in the Arab world, summons up visions of crowded oriental markets redolent of spices and urine and freshly-tanned leather, soaring minarets reaching into a cloudless blue sky and shimmering desert vistas which remain imprinted on the mind years later.

Certainly, both countries have their drawbacks. In Mexico you risk stomach cramps and worse if you drink tap water; and in Morocco you are constantly beset by hustlers out to part you with your money.

Nevertheless, Mexico and Morocco remain popular destinations for Canadian tourists, particularly those who are a bit adventurous.

Two new guides on what to do and see there, *The Rough Guide to Mexico (Oxford University Press, $14.95)* and *The Rough Guide to Morocco (Oxford University Press, $12.50)* have just been published.

Both are models of no-nonsense clarity and conciseness, and both are also well-written.

Part of a series that includes nations like Spain, Holland and Peru, these guides contain basic information essential to a well-informed tourist. If you read them carefully, you will probably minimize the occurrence of nasty surprises, which are all too common in the Third World, and be able to enjoy the myriad sights and sounds of these Latin American and African countries.

A similar guide on Israel is already in the works, and that is good news to a traveler who is thinking of heading to the Middle East in the near future.

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Gerineldo (from left): Oro Anahory-Librowicz, Solly Levy, Kelly Amar, Judith Cohen. (Stan Adams photo)

Promotion was lacking

Israel festival deserved better

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

A prime location, a spirited, knowledgeable band, and a tiny audience. Why?

The Jewish Students Network Israeli-theme festival-event held at Nathan Phillips Square during midday Aug. 28 could have been an ideal cultural show of Jewish solidarity with Israel, as well as a fun happening.

Noam Eisen's Nagila Orchestra, featuring former Moscow Circus-lead clarinetist Mikhail Sherman and singer Yacov Halpert displayed an admirably-wide authentic repertoire rendered with spirit and polish. The booths were informative with interesting, relevant pamphlets. There were free balloons and crackers.

The only element missing was the audience.

True, the weather was an uncertain mixture of hot sun and passing showers. Still, weather alone was no excuse. After all, it didn't rain until it was over.

For all the effort put into producing this event, why was the promotion so timid? Thousands of Jewish professionals work downtown. They alone could have taken their lunch hour to fill up Nathan Phillips Square. Why, oh why, was Network's networking machinery so remiss?

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To add to the numerous tributes to the late great Paul Kligman is a personal experience with him I shared when he, Israeli singer Avi Toledano and myself taped a CITY-TV-Mosaic program in 1975. Kligman as an interviewer was not only a thoroughly sober-minded professional but displayed a sincere enthusiasm for the promotion of Israeli entertainment. He will be deeply missed by all.

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Martin Isepp, internationally acclaimed pianist and opera coach, will conduct a Mozart Masterclass for 14 singers and pianists in Toronto Oct. 18-20 under the auspices of the Ann Summers Resource Centre for Career Performing Artists, sponsored by Imperial Oil.

Isepp will be accompanying Dame Janet Baker in recital at Roy Thomson Hall Oct. 19. Interested singers and pianists should register soon for this rare opportunity at the Resource Centre: phone 362-1422.

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Hello Jerusalem, The Jerusalem-Post-syndicated program is the most prehensive and inspiring program yet on TV about Israel. But in Toronto, its impact is lost because it appears at 1 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. It should be moved to a better time slot.

The local Chai program, which appeared on Sundays, is no more. It's just the latest casualty of a dangerously shortsighted attitude among our local communal establishments.

Hello Jerusalem's impact must be supplemented with a professionally produced national and local effort featuring Canadian Jewish cultural happenings as well. Unlike its predecessors, all participants on such a show must be adequately paid. If one offers peanuts, peanuts will be all one will get.

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The Mediterranean-Sephardi-Jewish folk musical heritage is one of the richest and most diverse anywhere. Musically, it's a fascinating melange of Hebraic, Spanish-flemenco, African, Mideastern, Balkan, Renaissance-baroque and continental-romantic styles.

Lyrically, mostly in Ladino but sometimes in Hebrew, its an always varied tension between the sacred and secular, ranging from familiar Biblical tales to comic-bawdy romances and intrigues.

It is likely that the Diaspora's most authentic interpreters of this heritage are Canadians in the group.

Gerineldo, consisting of Montreal's Ora Anahory-Librowicz, Kelly Amar and Solly Levy, together with Toronto's Judith Cohen.

Now performing in Spain, Gerineldo has released its second cassette, which, together with its first, is not only must-listening for all serious Jewish folk music enthusiasts but, asides that, provides a uniquely beautiful listening experience.

The songs on the two cassettes range from retellings of the Book of Esther and the well-known story of King Solomon and the two mothers, to the cheerfully impudent romance Fray Pedro (Paipero) who is taken through a series of adventures by 120 ladies and one cook.

One of the special highlights of the first cassette, En este dia Raza Querida, is a paraliturgical celebration of the Torah as a priceless gift, glowing like sapphires and emeralds.

In short, this is a celebration of Jewish heritage as a worldly and simultaneously sacred spirit. Gerineldo deserves supreme credit for the painstaking research and execution of performance which went into these two cassettes.

They can be obtained in Toronto by contacting Judith Cohen at 751 Euclid Ave., Toronto M6G 2V3. In Montreal contact Centre Communautaires Juif, 5480 Ave., Westbury, Montreal H3W 3G2, phone 514-735-5565.

Sea Marks will please

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you're middle-aged and weary of movies geared for juveniles with a tiny-tot IQ, Sea Marks, playing at the Bayview Theatre until Oct. 6, is a refreshing antidote for your ennui.

It's a 2-character adult love story that's old-fashioned in several pleasing ways.

It's an old-fashioned play in the sense that it's skilfully crafted and performed. It's old-fashioned in the sense that it respects the potential majesty of the good Queen's English.

And it's especially old-fashioned in the sense that it deals with old-fashioned emotions, such as the loneliness, tenderness, rages and joys that can be shared by two adult people.

Very simply, it's a character study of a rustic but poetically garrulous Irish fisherman who falls in love with an urban and sensitive Welsh woman who has worked her way up to editorship for a book publishing firm in Liverpool.

In the first act we meet them exchanging letters.

On one side of the stage, Colm, a weatherbeaten and seemingly simple "gouty male spinster," expresses eloquently his attachment to the rough seafaring life in his cabin on the isolated island of Aran.

On the other side of the stage, in her study apartment, Timothea, a sensuous and somewhat burned out divorcee in her late 40s, responds at first with a touch of amused condescension.

But eventually, after 1½ years of correspondence that develops from prim formality to amorous yearning, she is captivated by his roughewn integrity and forceful command of language.

Colm joins her in Liverpool, where he loses his middle-aged virginity in a scene that's wonderfully funny and yet profoundly touching. And he tries painfully to adjust to playing the role of a literary celebrity, after discovering that she has secretly arranged to have the lyrical passages in his letters published as a book of sea sonnets.

But there's no doubt in our minds how their late-blooming romance will end. "I feel drowned," he says of his confinement in the big city. And in a climactic speech before a literary club, in which he describes with magnificent biblical power the death of a fellow fisherman in a black gale, he returns inevitably back home to the sea.

Maurice Good and Elizabeth Shepherd, who have both performed at Stratford and London's West End, are wonderfully moving and convincing in making the two disparate characters come alive.

Sea Marks is indeed a beautifully seaworthy craft.

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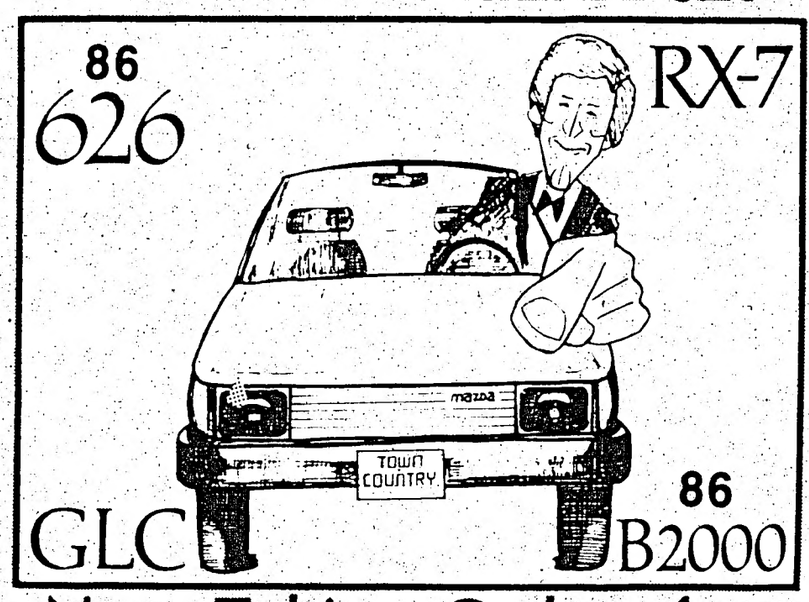

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Travel

Run by kibbutz

Guest house offers a relaxing respite

By
PAUL LUNGEN

MAALE HACHAMISHA Israel — High in the Judean Hills about 14 kilometres west of Jerusalem, the sweet scent of pine trees wafts across an open, green lawn bordered by beautifully landscaped shrubs and flower beds.

Sitting in lawnchairs gazing out at the spectacular view of rolling, green hills are some of the visitors at a guest house run by kibbutz Maale Hachamisha.

Located only about 20 minutes away from Jerusalem by bus or taxi, the guest house — beit margoa in Hebrew — offers a quiet and relaxing respite to visitors of Jerusalem's delights.

And for those who find the summertime heat of the shfela (coastal plain) too much to bear, the cool, crisp night air of the kibbutz is, as the lyrics to Naomi Shemer's song Jerusalem of Gold state, like wine.

While the guest house is run by the kibbutz, don't be mistaken into believing you'll have to peel your own cucumbers and make your own salad, as visitors to the kibbutz proper are expected to do.

Guests will certainly not have to rough it, as the kibbutz has created a 3-star facility which the Israeli ministry of tourism termed an outstanding tourist enterprise of 1983.

The 150 rooms range from first class, equipped with radio, air-conditioning and carpeting, to standard class, with showers and central heating.

The guest house also offers banquet and conference facilities, kosher food, tennis courts as well as a swimming pool in beautifully landscaped grounds.

Nearby are nature reserves, the charming village of Abu Ghosh with its Crusader church and monastery and the Aqua Bella National Park with its ancient ruins.

Back at the kibbutz, sitting alongside the clear blue swimming pool or gazing out at the neighboring, placid hills, it is easy to forget kibbutzim like Maale Hachamisha were forged in blood and sacrifice.

The kibbutz itself was established in 1938, explains kibbutz secretary Lucia Hochberg, on bare, rocky ground. Its founding members came from Poland (many from Lodz) as a group of chalutzim (pioneers) belonging to the Gordonia youth organization, named for A.D. Gordon.

True to Gordon's credo, they came to Israel to build and be built, says Tzvi Talshir, one of the founding members of the collective.

In the years before the establishment of the kibbutz, the chalutzim worked in Rehovot and later in Kiryat Anavim, a kibbutz about 2 km from the future sight of Maale Hachamisha, says Talshir.

In those years, the youthful chalutzim worked at reforestation, clearing the land and building roads, he recalls.

One day in 1937, five of the group's members were killed by Arab terrorists on Har Haruach as they began work.

When the kibbutz was established in 1938, it was named in honor of the five (hachamisha) as a symbol of a new life, Hochberg says. Combining hachamisha with B'maaleh (the name of a group in the Gordonia organization whose name means go up) led to the present name of the kibbutz. Joining the B'maaleh group were volunteers from the Vitkinia organization and Aliyat Noar, a youth immigrant group.

The tragic deaths of the five was but a prelude to the later sacrifices the kibbutzniks were called upon to make. During the 1948 War of Independence, Radar Hill, easily visible from the pool area, was fought over repeatedly by Jewish and Arab units. The British left the strategic high ground for the Arabs, Hochberg explains, and they used it to help bombard the kibbutz.

The area was the scene for many battles, as the kibbutz, along with Kiryat Anavim, sat astride the key Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

In May, 1948 the Arabs launched a ferocious bombardment followed by an attack of foot soldiers, but the kibbutz members and Palmach units used Molotov cocktails to stop a tank advance at the spot that is now the swimming pool.

A subsequent Arab Legion attack succeeded in cutting through the kibbutz fence, but that was as far as they got, Hochberg recalls. The heavy fighting and damage to kibbutz enterprises meant the collective had to, in effect, start over and rebuild their homes and businesses.

Today, the guest house is the main source of revenue, says kibbutz business administrator Amos Nevet. The kibbutz candy factory, Carmit, is the second most important business, followed by a traditional kibbutz enterprise: agriculture, in the form of cotton fields (40 km away) and dairy farming.

Thirty to 40% of the guests are tourists from Europe, Nevet says. The rest are by and large Israelis, though the kibbutz now hopes to attract more North Americans.

Maale Hachamisha can be reached by mail at M.P. Harey Yehuda 90835, by telephone at 025425918 or Telex 26284, or through Kibbutz Inns Central Reservations, P.O.B. 3193 Tel Aviv 61031, Telex 35707.

Standing at the entrance to Maale Hachamisha is this stone monument dedicated to the memory of Eliezer Geller and other members of the Gordonia movement killed in the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

Eilat and the Red Sea offer "the ultimate diving vacation."

Israel diving vacation planned

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Scuba enthusiasts should note that the first of two diving tours to Eilat and the Red Sea — "the ultimate diving vacation" — is now being organized here and will leave for Israel Nov. 18. The second tour is planned for the spring school break.

"The marine life there — the fish and the coral — is the richest in the world," says Gabi Koselj, president of SC Travel Ltd. "The waters, particularly in the Gulf of Eilat, are warm, clear and calm, with few waves and almost no current.

"The surrounding rugged mountains, blue sea, and valley flatlands, each breathtaking on their own, meet to create an area of unparalleled physical beauty," she told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview.

Its proximity to some of mankind's most sacred sites provides a vacation bonus unavailable anywhere else in the world, she added.

"The cost, including the flight to Israel, is about the same as of a similar stay, two weeks, in the Caribbean," she said. "All in all, it's quite a deal, particularly for Caribbean veterans who want a change of scene."

There are between 200,000 and 500,000 divers in Canada — "an incredible number," said Koselj, a scuba enthusiast herself.

The November tour, which returns Dec. 2, will be based at the 3-star Caesar Hotel in Eilat. Daily outings to various sites along the Red Sea will provide participants with morning and afternoon dives separated by on board lunch and rest. Also included are a couple of days of touring in Israel, with a stay at Jerusalem's Sonesta Hotel.

Cost is $1,799 (Canadian) with an extra $35 (U.S.) per day for diving facilities.

A second tour is being organized for March 7-19, which will include stopovers at the Astoria in Tel Aviv and the King Solomon in Eilat, 4-star facilities. "This will mainly be a full-board on-cruise trip," said Koselj. Participants — 36 is the number planned — will be spending at least six days diving and living on the sea, 12 people to a boat. Four days of touring are also included.

Koselj is arranging the trips in conjunction with Foreign Tours of Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of El Al Airlines.

"Winter diving trips to Eilat constitute a fantastic opportunity, both for the divers and for Israel," Foreign Tours' manager, Shalom Even, told The CJN. "Divers will profit from the change of scene and the extra attention they expect during Israel's traditional tourism low season. Israel will gain from hosting new visitors."

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Maven Rowdies	16	4	12	0	8	.25	0
Toronto Freedom Brides	15	4	11	0	7	.233	1
Canyon Giants	16	3	13	0	6	.187	0
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DIVISION 2	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT	DF
Maccabiah Malpractice Molars	16	14	2	0	27	.844	1
Maven Sooners	16	12	4	0	24	.75	0
Maccabiah Mud Hens	16	10	5	1	21	.656	0
Forestdale A's	16	10	6	0	20	.625	0
Toronto Freedom Les Balls	16	8	8	0	16	.5	0
Maven Follies	16	8	7	1	16	.5	1
Canyon Pirates	16	6	9	1	13	.406	0
Maccabiah Newcomers	15	5	9	1	10	.333	1
T. Freedom Chocolate Chips	16	3	12	1	5	.156	2
Maccabiah Toe Biz	15	0	14	1	-5	-.167	6

DIVISION 3	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT	DF
Maccabiah Lions	14	11	3	0	22	.786	0
Forestdale Fantastics	14	10	4	0	20	.714	0
Toronto Freedom Geriatrics	14	9	5	0	18	.643	0
Toronto Freedom Flyers	14	7	5	1	17	.607	0
Leonard Mayzel Blues	15	7	8	0	14	.467	0
Canyon Cardinals	14	7	7	0	13	.464	1
Don Mills Phillies	15	4	10	0	8	.267	1
Canyon Blue Jays	14	0	14	0	-1	-.036	1

DIVISION 4	GP	W	L	T	PTS	PCT	DF
Yorkdale Yids	15	11	2	2	24	.8	0
North York Yankees	16	12	3	1	25	.781	0
Maccabiah Wholesalers	15	11	3	1	23	.7	0
Forestdale Menorahs	16	9	6	1	19	.594	0
Maven Marvels	17	6	9	2	14	.412	0
Manor Metropolitan Falcons	15	6	9	0	10	.4	2
Maven Boilermakers	15	2	13	0	3	.1	1
Toronto Freedom Hurricanes	17	1	15	1	2	.059	1

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Tops for "runner's high"

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Every fitness fanatic has heard of "runner's high."

That euphoric feeling of being on top of the world, of gracefully soaring above the maddening crowd. As of Sept. 15, "runner's high" takes on a literal meaning high atop the IBM Tower of the Toronto-Dominion Centre, one of Toronto's newest office buildings.

Thirty-seven storeys above the city's business core, joggers, swimmers, and racquet sports enthusiasts can get really "high" on their games in the plush surroundings of the newest branch of the Fitness Institute.

The Institute, which has branches in Willowdale and Mississauga, prides itself on being a "high class recreational facility" and a "real trend setting club."

In keeping with that image, the Institute's newest penthouse project has been planted high above the core of the business community, providing fitness aficionados with a spectacular visual incentive on getting fit. Joggers and bodybuilders can gaze down from the glass windowed track-gym area (or from a second smaller rooftop oval) onto the spectacular beauty of the Lake Ontario and the Toronto waterfront as they sweat their way to better health.

The bird'seye view, the handy location and the hefty membership dues make for a strong incentive to use the plush facility. With annual dues running in the neighborhood of $1,000 (depending on the membership category) and with a one-time initiation fee of about $1,000 (it jumps to the regular $2,000 fee after 60 days), members have good reason to make a visit to the Institute a regular feature of their day.

As Institute president Bill Gairdner notes, the Institute is gearing itself to the suit and tie crowd — the movers and shakers, the bankers and depositors — the "professional, executive" class. And, he adds, there are no subsequent fees for use of the facilities, making the club "economical" if used often.

At a recent reception in which the Institute's executive introduced the facility, Gairdner and Institute vice-president John Wildman stressed the "fundamental" difference between the club and run-of-the-mill fitness centres.

The Fitness Institute is geared at keeping high-priced professionals fit and helping others, through rehabilitation, "get back in action fast."

So, besides two running tracks (18 and 20 laps to a mile), a 75-ft. training pool, five glass-backed squash courts, and a 7,500-sq. ft. gym, the Institute will provide a wide array of sports medicine and fitness assessment services.

Preventive and rehabilitative medical clinics will serve outpatients. Cardiac rehabilitation programs for members with coronary artery disease or a cardio-pulmonary condition will be offered.

Members over 35 will undergo an initial physical assessment, including an exercise stress test with an electrocardiogram and direct oxygen uptake measurement, followed by a tailor-made exercise program and follow up tests and reassessments.

Medical specialists, physiotherapists, nutritionists and psychologists will be available to help on the road back to better health.

There are even stress management and executive counseling programs aimed at encouraging a healthy lifestyle in a corporate setting.

We're at the "sematic-psychic" end of the business, Gairdner explained. Gairdner's inversion of the pyschiatric term is in keeping with the Institute's philosophy that how a person's body is kept affects their attitudes.

He noted that various companies have already signed up their top executives in the realization that doing so is like insuring an investment in their key personnel.

For more information, you can contact the Fitness Institute at (416) 865-0900.

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Joey Richman's participation in the Masters Games was not the only performance by a Jew in tennis at the Games as reported in the CJN Sept. 5.

Joining Richman, 70, in the winners' circle (he won both the singles and doubles events in his age category) was Della Lubin of Toronto, who took home a silver medal in the 40 and over tennis competition. In doubles, she and Eileen Cohen teamed up and advanced as far as the semi-finals.

In doubles, Rosalie Geller made it to the semi-finals, and she participated in singles competition as well.

Lubin's brother, Butch Freedhoff, participated in singles matches. Freedhoff and Dr. Melvin Cohen teamed up recently to win the Canadian doubles championship at the National championships in the over 45 category. (At the same tournament, Lubin won the women's over 40 singles competition.)

Back at the Masters, Dr. Cohen lost in the quarter-finals of the singles main draw.

SERVES UP!

Toronto's Carrie-Lynn Cohen, 18, serves up a backhand in singles tennis action. Cohen's medal run ended in quarter-final competition.

FINE FORM

Junior athlete Lance Soskin holds this position momentarily in Maccabiah gymnastics competition. Soskin came home with four medals: a silver and three bronze.

Western Canadians impress at Games

By PAUL LUNGEN

TEL AVIV — At a gala banquet one day after the Maccabiah Games closed, the Canadian contingent was enjoying the exotic culinary delights dished up at Kfar Maccabiah when several athletes stood at their tables to make public declarations about their feelings at having participated in the Jewish Olympics.

Up stood Gordon Orlikow in turn, participant in the decathalon and 110 metre hurdles, and, in addition to the kudos for coaches and teammates dished out by most of the sportsmen, the double gold winner cited the impressive achievements of team members from Western Canada.

The personable Winnipeg native had plenty of reason to feel satisfied, as prairie athletes took home four of the 15 gold medals won by the Canuck sportsmen, duplicating the feat of athletes from the much more populated Central Ontario region. Athletes from Montreal grabbed the remaining seven golds.

Joining Orlikow in the winners' box at the Games were Winnipegger Mark Berger, gold medalist in the 95 kg judo competition, and Janna Promislow of Edmonton, who swam her way to a gold in the 100-m freestyle with a time of 59.69.

Mark Berger

Other Westerners like Winnipeg's Mark Fromson (a silver in the 10-m platform diving competition), Benjamin Wincure (badminton), Joel Carter (track), Randy Fleischer (gymnastics), Marsha Portnoy (gymnastics) and Vancouver's Oleg Myaskovsky (a bronze in the under 65-kg judo category) were key components of their teams as well, noted Orlikow.

Best ever

After the banquet, in the cramped confines of the athletes' dorm at Kfar Maccabiah, Orlikow told The CJN Westerners were aware most athletes were from the Montreal-Toronto axis (as might be expected, owing to population figures), and that many already seemed to be friends. As a result, some Westerners were conscious of feeling a little isolated from the rest of the athletes.

For Orlikow, a political assistant to a Manitoba MLA, victory at the 85 Games was especially sweet. The decathlete improved his point total from his 1981 performance when he finished 3rd, and racked up his best ever decathlon score.

In doing so, Orlikow vaulted past the 1981 gold and silver medalists and exacted a measure of revenge for the previous meet.

"I knew it was going to be really close," Orlikow commented.

Events proved him right, as the winning margin was a scant 130 points.

"One bad performance, and you could lose the lead," he said.

"I was terrified before starting the pole vault," he recalled, but on his second attempt he made the jump, leaving the 1500-m run as the deciding event.

The rest is history. A first place finish in that race — one of his best events — combined with a first in the 110-m hurdles and second place finishes in the 400-m run, the long jump, discus, javelin and shot put earned him the gold medal. His second gold came in the 110-m hurdles.

Surprisingly, Orlikow's attitude to the meet was a little off beat. "I'm not sure I like the competition," he said with a smile. "I like winning."

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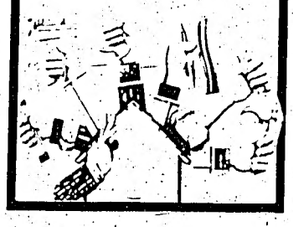

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Business Outlook

Recruiting for class starting in November

Program offers computer training for disabled

TORONTO —

ACT, Alternative Computer Training for the Disabled, is the first full scale Canadian training program in business applications programming for physically disabled adults.

The program, which is recruiting for the next class in November, extends over 12 months including a 2 month internship in a corporate data processing department. For now, it is serving those in Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding areas.

Initially sponsored here by Goodwill Industries, ACT is modeled after 27 similar successful projects in the United States. These have placed over 1,000 disabled adults in data processing positions over the past 13 years.

Because it is federally funded, ACT training and job placement cost the student nothing but hard work. The program is guided by a Business Advisory Council composed of members of Toronto's large corporate community. They advise ACT on curriculum and assist in job placement.

Administrative assistant of ACT, Karen Lambert, states that the program benefits the entire community by making the disabled independent.

She estimates that the government benefits by over $250,000 per employee when reduced pension payments and increased revenue from income taxes are totaled — even after the cost of training is considered. And that helps the taxpayer.

Studies show that disabled employees have a lower absentee rate than other employers and also a higher safety record.

Candidates for ACT must meet the following selection criteria to be considered for admission.

- **A physical disability that would be a barrier to employment. However, candidates must be capable of full time unattended employment.**
- **Minimum education as stipulated by the business community is Grade 12 (academic) or is equivalent. Equivalencies evaluated by the Ontario ministry of education.**
- **Grade 12 reading level as determined by standardized measures.**
- **ACT administers aptitude tests to ensure ability to perform programming tasks.**
- **Candidates will be screened for attitude and motivation by staff and business advisors as a final step to program admission.**

The curriculum includes: business applications programming in structured COBOL; business fundamentals and communication skills; professional deportment and interpersonal skills; modification of equipment and work stations and related computing topics.

The ACT program is now being considered for accreditation at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. President of ACT is Dr. Jacob Slonim.

More information for either students or employers can be obtained from: ACT, 250 The Esplanade, Suite 203, Toronto M5A 1J2. Phone: (416) 365-3330

Modeled on U.S. projects

Ottawa seeks pension change

OTTAWA —

In the past, not all full-time workers have been eligible to join their employers' pension plans.

And very few part-time workers also had that opportunity.

The government wants to see that changed to ensure more workers will be able to join pension plans, and to have a greater flexibility to determine, for themselves, when they want to retire.

Finance minister Michael Wilson, in his May budget proposed the following changes to the Canada Pension Plan:

- **Plans will now be required to extend eligibility to all full-time and part-time workers:**
- All full-time employees in an occupational group which is covered by a pension plan will be eligible to join the pension plan at any time provided they have at least two years of service with their employer.
- Part-time workers who have earned at least 35% of the Canada Pension Plan's Yearly Maximum Pensionable Earnings in two consecutive years with an employer will be eligible to join pension plans available to full-time workers in the same occupational group.

Employers would be permitted to set up separate plans providing equivalent benefits to part-time workers.

- **Pension plan members may elect early retirement beginning at age 55.**

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"Salad days" for entrepreneur

TORONTO —
Michael Rich has started a club he believes everyone will have to try to really enjoy. The club is not another health-oriented spa, but the Gourmet Club — a company devoted to manufacturing salad dressings.

The 23-year-old entrepreneur began marketing his three salad dressings last July after "fooling around" in the kitchen for seven months to perfect his own recipes.

Rich, a part-time student at York University, said he has always been interested in the food business and decided to start the Gourmet Club with his friend Stephen Handelman as he was not happy with any salad dressings on the market.

"I felt I could come up with a good product," said Rich.

Beginning with three dressings, he said a fourth — garlic mustard — will be added in about a month with more flavors being added next year.

The initial dressings include Caesar, Italian with a blend of brick and Parmesan cheese and a French style. Rich praised the latter's "unique" taste as being a very light product with a smooth, sweet taste.

"They have flavor and spunk," said Rich describing his products.

The dressings are now available in 100 stores in Toronto, including Dairyers, Nortown, Donny's, Regina's and Harbord Fish. Rich said they are looking for new markets every day and hope to eventually to get into supermarkets.

The Gourmet Club will also have a booth at this year's International Food and Wine Fair at the Canadian National Exhibition on Oct. 18-20.

Rich said they are currently selling between 700-800 bottles a week — a figure he would like to triple by next summer.

For information on the Gourmet Club call 483-6679.

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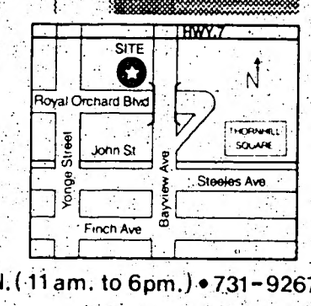

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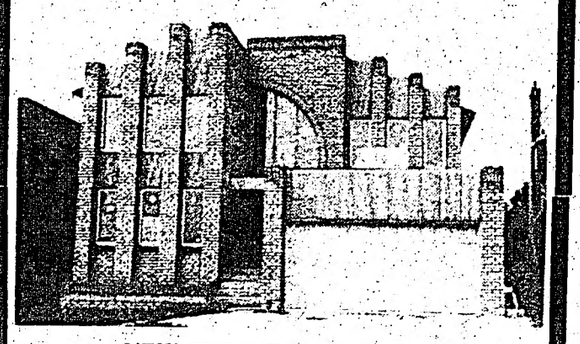

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UNVEILING

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Law change recommended for arrest

OTTAWA —

A working paper of The Law Reform Commission has recommended changes to the law dealing with arrest, including a proposal that police officers be required to inform persons they detain whether or not they are under arrest.

The Commission's working paper, titled "Arrest," noted that situations arise where individuals are unsure whether they are being detained or are merely accompanying a police officer and are free to leave at any time.

In a press release coinciding with the release of the working paper, Commission President Justice Allen Linden called present apprehension laws "vague and haphazard.

"The proposals are aimed at obtaining the appropriate balance between the interests of efficient crime control and freedom of the citizen," he stated. "And (they) are based on the need to give full effect to constitutional principles and rights."

In a specific proposal, the working paper recommends the Criminal Code be amended to conform to a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision requiring that a peace officer inform individuals of their right to refuse to accompany the officer when they are not under arrest.

The Commission also proposes clarification of the law requiring that citizens be provided with reasons for an arrest, and adds that a police officer be required to provide "his or her badge number, if any, and the name of his or her police force."

In other proposals, the Commission recommends:

•repeal of sections of the Criminal Code permitting arrest of an individual on "breach of the peace" charges. The working paper noted there is no justification for retaining this general power of arrest when the Code contains ample specific offences dealing with the prohibited conduct.

•that subject to certain exceptions, "anyone may arrest without warrant a person who the arrester has reasonable grounds to believe is committing...a criminal offence." Present law allows citizen's arrests if the crime is an indictable criminal offence, as distinguished from a summary conviction criminal offence.

Presents tentative views

•clarification of the law relating to the power of police officers to enter private property to make an arrest.

•clarification of the law relating to arrest without warrant.

The working paper presents the tentative views of the Commission at time of publication. The Commission's final views will be presented later in a Report to the Minister of Justice and Parliament after the Commission has considered comments on its proposals.

The Commission was established in 1971 to assist in modernizing Canada's federal laws.

Business Outlook

Twin-tower complex

Panorama Project will give new look to Haifa

By BARUCH SAVILLE

HAIFA —

Israel's delightful gateway to the north now boasts a new attraction. Soon to be completed here is the Panorama twin-tower complex, reputed to be the largest private development that the country has seen.

The Panorama Project was initiated by Israeli industrialist and hotelier, Yekutiel Federman — founder with his younger brother Sam of the country's 5-star Dan Hotels chain.

The Panorama Project comprises two twin towers one, a residential block of 88 3-, 4- and 5-room luxury apartments on 22 floors. Adjoining it is the 20-floor Dan Panorama — a 4-star hotel with 280 rooms.

Beneath is the 5,500 square metre shopping centre with banks, restaurants, shops and cinemas. The complex's swimming pool is located on top of the shopping mall.

The first residents are scheduled to move in to the apartment tower in October, and the opening of the hotel is set for next Pesach.

Most private developments take a long time to get off the ground — and longer still to get completed. The Panorama Project set something of a new record — Federman first brought up his project to the then Mayor of Haifa no less than 25 years ago!

In 1965, the famous Brazilian architect, Oscar Niemeyer came up with his towers scheme — at that time each tower was to be 40 floors high.

After years of fighting the administration, and other numerous reasons, building started nearly four years ago.

The residential tower is the last word in luxury, the prices ranging from $165,000 U.S. for a 3-room apartment on the lower floors to $300,000 for a 5-room apartment slightly higher, after this, each floor higher costs an additional $3,500.

According to the project head, over half the apartments have been sold most of them in the 4-room category. Buyers have the choice — either of looking out over the Mediterranean or the lush slopes of the Carmel mountain range.

The opening of the project marks an important milestone for Haifa where Federman built his first hotel there, the Dan Carmel, almost 20 years ago.

The project is also a milestone for Yekutiel Federman who arrived in Israel from his native Germany as a youth, started work as a waiter and now looks on his prestigious Dan Hotel's chain which includes the Jerusalem King David.

Grants for seniors help to pay property taxes

TORONTO —

Taxes seldom go down, in fact they seem to be ever on the rise.

Surviving on a pension can be, in the least, difficult.

However, since 1980, the Ontario government has provided tax grants for seniors to help them cope with property tax, sales tax and home heating costs.

Ontario Property Tax Grants provide up to $500 annually for seniors who pay municipal taxes or rent on their principal residence in Ontario.

Application forms are mailed automatically to those receiving an Old Age Security pension (OAS).

Other seniors, not eligible for OAS may qualify for a property tax grant.

They must request an application form from the Ministry of Revenue's tax grants office by calling 1-800-263-770 (toll-free).

The ministry calculates the amount of each grant, according to the total amount of rent or property tax recorded on the application.

If a homeowner's property tax is less than $500, then the grant will pay the full tax.

If the tax is more than $500, only this amount will be paid.

Applications for 1984 tax grants must be mailed no later than Dec. 31, 1985.

Every senior with a permanent residence in Ontario is eligible for an Ontario Sales Tax Grant of $50.

This grant will be sent each year to OAS pensioners and seniors who are not eligible for OAS but have qualified for the sales tax grant.

Non-OAS pensioners who have not yet qualified for the grant may obtain an eligibility application from the Ministry of Revenue.

Seniors receiving the Ontario Property Tax Grants will automatically receive the Temporary Home Heating Grant.

New test used for pregnancy

JERUSALEM —

Scientists at the Hebrew University have developed a quick and reliable home pregnancy test that can be used as early as five days after a missed menstrual period.

The test, manufactured and marketed internationally by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, was developed by Prof. Don Sulitzeanu and Dr. Yaacov Flechner of the university's Institute of Microbiology.

The 10-minute test is carried out using first morning urine. After passing the urine through a small plastic column, a blue reagent is added. The blue color is maintained in the test column if the hormone human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), which is produced by pregnant women, is present.

If the hormone is absent from the urine, the blue color disappears.

The test is easy to perform, and unlike other pregnancy tests, shaking the test column does not change the indicating color. In a controlled clinical study using samples of urine from more than 400 pregnant and non-pregnant women, the test gave the correct result in more than 99.3% of the cases.

The arrangements between the two Hebrew University researchers and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries were carried out by the Yissum research and development company which is owned by the Hebrew University.

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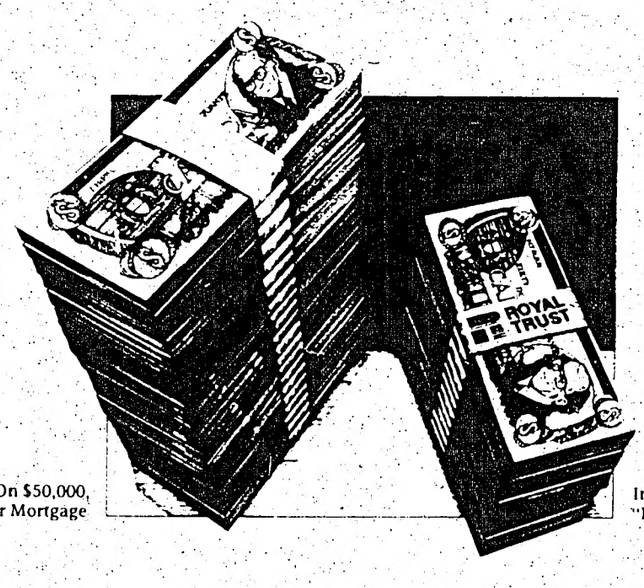

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Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care

Annual Report 1984-85

It was a little more than two years ago that earth-moving and construction equipment began changing the face of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Today the results of two years of construction — The Baycrest Hospital, a geriatric care facility — gives a new look to the location at 3560 Bathurst Street.

The impressive exterior is a reflection of the progressiveness, determination and hard work that has always been in ample evidence within Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Board members, management staff, caregivers and support staff share common characteristics. All share a commitment to surpassing standards, to establishing new standards of excellence that others in the field of long-term or geriatric care will emulate.

During the past year, for instance, Baycrest's Board of Directors responded to the growing population of elderly requiring heavier levels of care. The Jewish Home for the Aged now accepts applications from persons requiring as much as four hours of nursing care per day, an increase of one and one-half hours of care over last year's admission requirements.

Yum Yum the clown kept the kids happy with balloon tricks at the second annual Baycrest Hospital Family Day in February. More than 200 people attended.

And as existing, long-term residents of the Home continue to age, they become increasingly frail and need more highly-specialized care. There is also a need for surroundings that can accommodate the increasing number of residents in wheelchairs. Planning to meet these needs has already begun and soon the Home will be renovated to ensure wheelchairs have easier access to all areas of the facility.

Being responsive, being satisfied with nothing less than the best, requires more than commitment and determination. It requires money . . . to fund new, innovative programs; to renovate; to build for the future; to make sure that existing programs will be maintained.

Thankfully, Baycrest's fund raisers share the Centre's passion for excellence. During the past year the Centre's campaign workers met the challenge of raising more than $20 million to help finance the $60 million hospital. At the same time, the Centre's Men's Service Group and Women's Auxiliary were finding the necessary operational funds to augment funding received from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Ministry of Health, the City of North York, the United Way and donations.

They successfully met their challenges while workers within the Centre were meeting the challenge of working for an organization that is, like the society it serves, in a period of transition. While administration grappled with strategies to meet the sometimes-overwhelming needs of a burgeoning elderly population, caregivers and support staff struggled to cope with the issues associated with a massive construction project. The noise, the accompanying confusion, were constant reminders that moves had to be co-ordinated while existing levels of services had to be maintained. The excitement associated with working adjacent to a building site was compounded by residents and patients who were often distraught by *living* adjacent to the site. Caregivers were called upon to become more dedicated, more enthusiastic and compassionate, as they met — and often surpassed — quality care guidelines.

All staff met the demands of planning for the future while delivering quality services today. And all met the major challenge — making the most efficient and effective use of a restricted budget.

Meeting challenges is a Baycrest speciality. That was evident during the past year. In fact, that has been evident since the Centre's beginning. It will become increasingly evident as the Centre, together with geriatric workers throughout North America, strive to provide more and better services to meet future demands.

Today, Centre staff members are regularly called upon to share their expertise in workshops, as members of community and health-care committees and as consultants. Magazine articles and books written by staff members are read by health-care and long-term care workers throughout North America.

External groups from all walks of life are recognizing the contributions Baycrest makes to the community it serves. More and more persons are willing to become involved. Volunteers regularly give their time and talent to residents and patients; busy executives juggle their work calendars in order to devote more chunks of time to the Centre and members of the Board of Directors become more involved in committee work.

It's the Centre's spirit that continually attracts both dedicated staff and volunteers. The spirit is catching.

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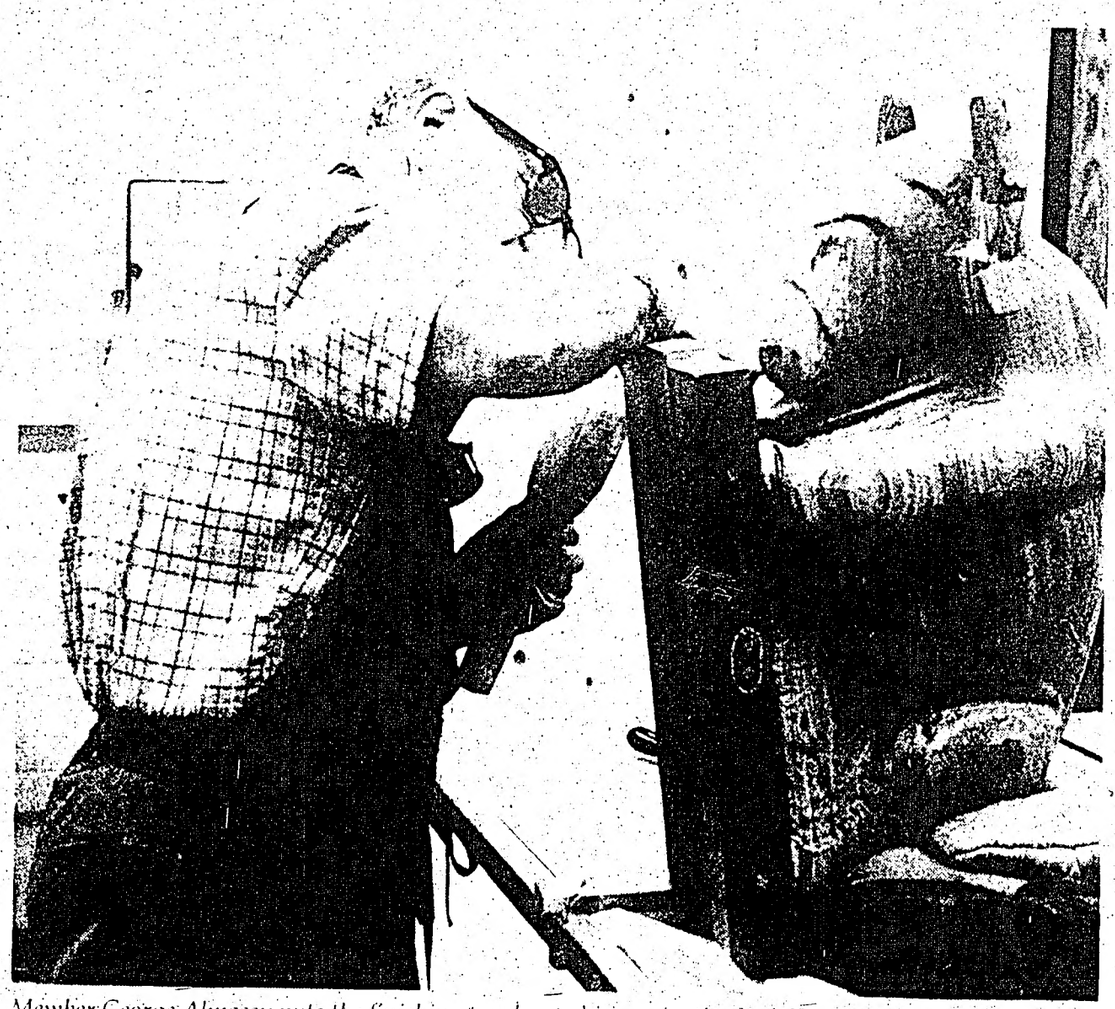

Member George Almassy puts the finishing touches to his carving in the fully equipped woodworking shop of the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre.

Who are we?

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care comprises five facilities that provide varying levels of care for elderly and chronically ill persons.

Since 1918 Baycrest has evolved from a small house equipped to care for 20 elderly Jewish residents, to a world famous organization which daily provides care for about 1,500 persons.

Its 19.5 acre campus features a community centre for the "young" elderly, a senior citizen residence, a day centre, a home for the aged and a chronic care and rehabilitative hospital.

The Centre's outstanding reputation has been built on its ability to provide continuity in quality care. As people's needs change, they have access to other facilities within the complex. Each facility offers its own range of special services.

The facilities that make up the Centre are:

The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre . . .
offers social, educational, physical, recreational and cultural activities to all men and women over age 55 living in the community as well as residents of Baycrest Terrace.

Baycrest Terrace . . .
is a minimal care seniors' residence. It has 161 furnished bachelor suites and 43 furnished one-bedroom suites. Residents manage independently with the support of housekeeping services, a health centre, and social work staff. One hot meal a day is also provided as well as membership in the adjoining Wagman Centre.

Baycrest Day Care Service . . .
provides a full day's program, two hot meals, and door-to-door transportation to those people living in the community who are unable to join other seniors centres for reasons such as physical limitations or fear. The Service is non-sectarian.

The Jewish Home for the Aged
provides various levels of care, from a minimum of nursing to extensive nursing care. In addition, the special care section of the Home serves residents with a significant degree of mental impairment.

Baycrest Hospital . . .
is a 154-bed non-sectarian hospital which provides chronic care and rehabilitation medicine. A new 300-bed hospital is presently under construction and will specialize in the treatment of the geriatric patient, with programs in chronic care, concentrated (intensive) care, behavioural neurology, psychiatry, ambulatory medical services and rehabilitation.

The Baycrest Centre Foundation,
established in 1981, is the fund raising arm of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The mission of the Foundation is to ensure that the Centre will always be able to respond to the diverse needs of a growing elderly population.

It helped facilitate programs which will help people suffering from stroke, depression and various emotional and physical disabilities.

The Foundation also co-ordinates the fund raising activities of the Chai Fund and the Centre's two service organizations, The Men's Service Group and the Women's Auxiliary. The funds raised by these groups help to meet the Centre's immediate needs for programs, equipment, professional education and research.

Three programs are now in place to accommodate the Centre's long-term objectives: program development for major donors who want to designate funds toward areas of care; endowment funds (minimum of $2,000) where interest only is used; planned giving, which actively seeks bequests and gifts of life insurance, property and securities. (Interested donors can contact Norman White or Sam Ruth, 789-7071.)

Tapestry weaving is one of the many crafts taught in the Jewish Home for the Aged arts and crafts program. Residents often rediscover skills developed in their youth.

The Jewish Home for the Aged

Several new programs were developed to meet the changing needs of our residents.

With such a wide variety of specialized activities within the Home, residents often miss opportunities to chat with those who live on other floors. A new Lounge program, started in the snack bar, gives residents a place to meet with friends. Each week more than 100 residents visit the Lounge.

A newly-formed Hungarian Group brings together Hungarian-speaking residents and volunteers. This helps residents maintain their language, cultural activities and interests. Family members also participate in the group and enjoy the opportunity to meet and talk with each other.

Sunday activities were started, featuring Music Appreciation in the morning and a Family Hour in the afternoon, often with entertainment.

Music is a favorite interest of our residents. A Choir was formed this year and members spent many enjoyable hours with students from the Leo Baeck Day School Choir planning a special joint performance for families and friends.

Residents also learned that good things grow on trees! A new program called The Giving Tree brought residents and kindergarten children together to share activities such as arts and crafts.

An exhibition of works by the award-winning photography group was held on the Home's mezzanine floor. Called "A View of the World Through the Eyes of the Elderly", the showing featured 50 photographs by the group's 12 active members.

Residents took an active interest in contributing to Seniors' Month activities. A committee of residents planned and hosted a variety of special events throughout June.

Loved ones all around the world were only a phone call away at Chanukah. The Wilson Heights Lodge of B'nai B'rith generously sponsored three-minute calls for residents wishing to speak to their families. More than 80 calls were placed worldwide!

Highlights, 1984-85

The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre

Our warm water pool, one of the few in Metropolitan Toronto, is currently operating at capacity, and in accordance with available staff and pool time.

The resulting waiting list has prompted the Wagman Centre Advisory Committee to allocate funds to hire additional part-time staff for instructional and recreational swims. The increased costs will be offset by new enrolment fees.

The Advisory Committee has established sub-committees to conduct reviews of Wagman Centre programs and services. Areas under review are the creative arts, cultural, recreational, and physical fitness and health maintenance programs, as well as the greenhouse, mall and social services.

The self-help groups for widows aged 55-70, widows over the age of 70 and widowers over age 55 have had growing success this year. The groups provide much-needed support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Rose Saltzman, a participant in the Centre's stroke recovery program, won the fourth annual Herb Charles Award. The award is named after the late Baycrest Hospital patient and is presented to a swim program member who, despite physical limitations, motivates others and demonstrates outstanding determination.

This year for the first time, Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology offered members a variety of continuing education courses at the Wagman Centre.

Funding was received from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services to hire a Wagman Centre volunteer co-ordinator.

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services granted the Centre funds to help establish an Israeli Club for those who enjoy Hebrew conversation and social and cultural programs. The Israeli Club also received a New Horizons grant from Health and Welfare Canada. Other New Horizons grants were given to the "60 and Holding" program, the Heritage Players and the Russian Club.

The Centre also received a one-year grant of $25,000 from the United Way of Greater Toronto.

The music committee of the Sam and Mary Harris Music Room organized several successful programs, including a music appreciation series, musical presentations, and the annual concert.

Baycrest Day Care Service

This year Baycrest Day Care Service celebrated its silver anniversary! Members, volunteers and staff joined together to plan the October festivities, which included an Open House and performances by the Folk Dancers, Rhythm Band and Choir.

We have a lot to celebrate. In 25 years, Day Care has expanded from a membership of eight to more than 120. When the Service first began, members met in the auditorium of the original Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital. Now Day Care has its own facility adjacent to the new Home building which was opened in 1968.

The Service received a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services to hire four aides to assist cognitively impaired members and we're now planning additional services for the frail elderly. An additional operating grant of $50,000 was also received from the Ministry.

The Day Care Family Council hosted its first Purim party for members, families and friends. They're still talking about the good food and great times!

The Baycrest Entertainers, a drama troupe comprising Day Care members and residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged drew rave reviews with their latest production, "To life! To life! L'chayim!", a musical based on Shakespeare's seven stages of man. The company took the show on a tour of the Home and Baycrest Hospital to patients and residents who would not have otherwise had an opportunity to see the production.

For the past 15 years volunteer Dave Cappe has organized the quarterly Mazel Tov nights to celebrate members' birthdays. The charming and friendly Master of Ceremonies has made each Mazel Tov party a memorable and festive occasion.

The Day Care Choir performed at the Clarkewood Residence of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and at concerts for fellow Day Care members, Home residents and Baycrest Hospital patients.

Project Shalom, a multi-cultural exchange program, continues to have great success. Our members hosted visitors from Pine Villa, True Davidson Acres and Villa Colombo. Day Care members also accepted a return invitation from True Davidson Acres and spent an enjoyable day there.

Special Helpers

During the three years that Mrs. B. has been a member of Baycrest Day Care Service, she has enjoyed participating in the poetry writing, reminiscence and cultural arts programs, all activities she shared with her husband until his death four years ago.

Recently, Mrs. B. began to say that she was having trouble remembering the location of such Day Care facilities as the washrooms and dining room as well as where her favorite programs were taking place. Although she was able to ask for help, she was frightened by her inability to remember.

Gradually she even lost her ability to ask for assistance.

Mrs. B. is one of the growing number of Day Care members who are cognitively impaired. Nearly 25% of the members have some degree of impairment. Often confused and prone to wander away from familiar areas, these members strain the resources of the Day Care staff.

This year Day Care received a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services to hire four aides to help members who need special assistance.

Mrs. B's aide directs her to favorite programs and necessary facilities. Mrs. B., who had become anxious over her inability to remember, is now able to relax and enjoy Day Care activities.

Although she will never be able to participate in all of her previous activities, she was able, with the help of her aide, to connect with new activities that have been specially designed for her and other cognitively impaired Day Care members.

The Baycrest Terrace

Residents of the Terrace actively participate in their surrounding community. As many as 50% are involved in volunteer work at the Terrace and adjoining Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre.

Intergenerational programs brought Terrace residents and young people together to work on a variety of projects. As well, residents shared their life experiences by visiting area schools to speak to students about career choices.

Terrace residents supported Baycrest Centre and other organizations through their charitable contributions. Some residents participated in the Men's Service Group Speedy-Baycrest Fun Run, raising funds for physical fitness and health maintenance programs at the Centre. Residents also made record contributions to the United Way and the United Jewish Appeal campaigns.

The Terrace Residents Council is back in full operation following lengthy illnesses of some of the members. The Council has established sub-committees to address various issues of concern, including food services, the constitution and the improvement fund.

The third edition of Multilingual Magazine was published. Written by Terrace residents and Wagman Centre members, the magazine features articles written in English, Yiddish, Hungarian and German.

New English and Yiddish reading circle programs met with enthusiasm. Group members selected items of interest for reading. Lively discussions always followed!

The Day Care Folk Dancers and the Rhythm Band entertained friends, families and visitors during a weekend of festivities marking the 25th anniversary of Baycrest Day Care Service.

A 24-hour information day in March gave staff and volunteers the opportunity to ask questions about the new Baycrest Hospital, opening this fall.

Baycrest Hospital

More than 200 people attended the hospital's exciting second annual Family day. Patients, their families, friends and staff enjoyed an afternoon of fun and took the opportunity to view displays of writing samples from the poetry and newsletter groups, and photos of different hospital activities and outings.

An Oneg Shabbat program to help Jewish patients welcome in the Sabbath was started with the help of the Women's Auxiliary. The Men's Service Group was also involved in hospital activities, and helped form a men's group called the Tuesday Club.

A support group was formed to help Christian patients adjust to the Jewish environment of the hospital. The patients planned a Christmas dinner and an Easter program, and invited guests to speak to them about various aspects of Jewish life.

The Centre's Board of Directors approved the implementation of the Problem Oriented Medical Information System (PROMIS). This system of computerized health care records gives professional staff quick and accurate access to each patient's pertinent medical information, and enhances problem solving and decision making.

Amalgamation of the Speech Pathology and Audiology departments to create a department of Communication Disorders has enabled staff to develop more thorough assessments. Since speech, language and hearing are all components of communication, this new department will facilitate the evaluation and treatment of patients with communication disorders.

Dr. Patricia deFeudis was hired to head the new department of Psychology. The department will provide mental health services to hospital patients and consultation to other members of the professional team.

With the help of additional funding from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Laboratory began providing full diagnostic services in Baycrest Terrace and enhanced its service to the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The Pharmacy's Unit Dose Dispensing System is now in full operation in the Hospital. Each prescription is recorded in the computer which produces a daily printout of medications to be dispensed. Individual pills are packaged and labelled in the pharmacy, then placed in a locked medication cart for transfer to floors where they are dispensed by nursing staff.

Planning and Human Resources

One of the major challenges we faced this year was planning how to move patients, staff, and volunteers into the new building while keeping disruption to a minimum.

Several task forces took on the awesome job of developing a relocation process which would consider not only how to accomplish the actual physical move, but how to address the anxieties, concerns and education needs that arise from such a major undertaking.

The concerns and questions of patients, families, staff and volunteers have been addressed in various ways. Bulletins, seminars and displays relay needed information. A specially produced videotape encourages questions. A 24-hour Information Day gave staff and volunteers on all shifts the opportunity to have their questions answered.

Education at Baycrest Centre touches every area of the organization. From management training seminars to on-the-job learning, Baycrest employees take advantage of the excellent services available through the education department.

This year staff members were offered 22 different courses and seminars designed to help them improve their skills and increase their knowledge.

Baycrest is also used as an educational resource for other health care professionals. More than 800 people attended our popular medical, social work and nursing clinic days, as well as seminars on absenteeism and music and movement for the frail elderly. In addition, our staff are frequently requested as faculty for educational programs at other health care facilities.

Baycrest staff members are also learning more about their own health. An Employee Health Service was developed and is available for all staff. Services include first aid and primary care for occupational illness and injury, employee interviews, counselling, referral and health teaching. This new service has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of days lost through absenteeism.

This year 924 dedicated volunteers spent 108,689 hours helping us care for our patients, residents and members. As well, 108 young people spent their summer with us as volunteens.

Thank You!

We owe thanks to many for the support which enables us to give our residents, patients and members quality care.

Baycrest Centre is grateful to the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health of the Province of Ontario, the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, the City of North York and the United Way of Greater Toronto for their financial support. We have also received donations from societies, organizations and service groups.

Families and individuals are generous and the fund raising efforts on our behalf by the Baycrest Centre Foundation, the Men's Service Group and the Women's Auxiliary help us maintain services and programs.

We also extend our thanks to our many volunteers for their gifts of love, caring and service and all of the individuals and groups who visit Baycrest to entertain and educate the residents, patients and members.

Support Services

Like so many other areas in the Centre, many of the activities in the support services departments have been geared toward the opening of the new hospital.

The Purchasing department has acquired almost all the free standing equipment for the new building, totalling $8 million.

The implementation of a computerized preventive maintenance program is progressing smoothly. The program, which is now operating in Baycrest Terrace, the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, and the Jewish Home for the Aged, lists all regular maintenance jobs and assigns them on a rotating schedule. In the preparation stage is a scheduling program which will estimate the approximate length of time it takes to complete maintenance assignments, helping us make the most effective and efficient use of our resources.

Pay parking was implemented with the expansion of the main parking lot.

Physical Plant staff are preparing for the implementation of a sophisticated environmental control system which will lead to significant savings. Outdoor and indoor sensors will measure light, temperature and moisture. The indoor environment will be regulated to complement external conditions.

A reorganization in the Housekeeping Department has increased efficiency and work satisfaction for staff. The department adopted a "team leader" approach to responsibilities, similar to that commonly found on nursing units. Supervisors not only direct work efforts but also carry their own housekeeping duties.

Completing the formal policy and procedure manual for the Food Services department was a quality assurance project completed this year. The manual helps to ensure the best possible food is made available to residents, patients, members, volunteers, visitors and staff. Quite a challenge when you consider that the department prepares 3,000 meals each day!

The Food Services department also made great advances in the implementation of computerized menu tickets. Menu selections for each resident and patients are now printed by computer, enabling dieticians to spend more time with individual patients.

Sharing their time

For Lou and Edie Stillman, the satisfaction that comes from volunteering is something that money can't buy.

"You can't always get paid in dollars for the things that you do," says Lou, who along with his wife Edie, has been a volunteer at Baycrest Centre for the past 20 years.

The Stillmans are only two of more than 900 volunteers who generously give their time and love to the people who call Baycrest Centre their home.

Although the reason for becoming a volunteer may vary from person to person, one thing keeps them coming back — satisfaction.

"To be happy as a volunteer, you have to be satisfied and comfortable with what you're doing," says Lou. "Volunteering shouldn't turn into a chore. There's got to be enough flexibility within the organization to be able to move to a different area if your interests change."

Lou has helped in many areas around the Centre, and now spends his time as a tour guide and taking on special assignments. Flexibility also means being given the choice of staying with a program that enriches you.

Edie has been helping with the same hospital music program for 20 years. "I feel good about what I'm doing, I wouldn't give it up for all the world!" she says.

Satisfaction, challenge, enrichment. These are the things that keep Lou and Edie Stillman coming back to volunteer at Baycrest Centre year after year. These are also some of the reasons why they encourage every person they meet to try volunteering.

"I believe that any individual who has the time and strength should at least try to get involved in some area of volunteer work," Lou says. "Not to do so is to perhaps miss the opportunity to broaden and enhance self-confidence, self-esteem, enjoyment and satisfaction; things which might not be available any other way."

Dietician Bernadette Shannon displays a challa to be served with a Sabbath meal at Baycrest Terrace. More than 3,000 meals are prepared daily at Baycrest Centre.

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 1985

(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 1984)

	JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED		DAY CARE SERVICE		BAYCREST HOSPITAL		BAYCREST TERRACE		JOSEPH E. AND MINNIE WAGMAN CENTRE		TOTAL	
	1984/85	1983/84	1984/85	1983/84	1984/85	1983/84	1984/85	1983/84	1984/85	1983/84	1984/85	1983/84
SOURCES OF INCOME												
User Charges	$ 3,127,343	$ 2,757,774	$183,872	$218,138	$ 810,050	$ 758,197	$1,753,346	$1,712,626	$109,641	$101,911	$ 5,984,232	$ 5,548,646
Province of Ontario Grants	7,142,805	6,054,376	204,004	146,666	$ 9,744,175	9,008,520	979,546	895,401	30,000	30,000	18,100,530	16,134,965
Metro Toronto Grant	—	—	137,020	131,496	—	—	—	—	92,240	109,144	229,260	240,640
United Way Grant	165,510	155,656	105,330	99,055	—	—	—	—	8,333		279,173	254,711
Sundry	51,121	46,377	—		10,656	25,313	54,405	48,643	12,536	11,100	128,718	131,433
	$10,486,779	$ 9,014,183	$630,226	$595,355	$10,564,861	$ 9,792,030	$2,787,297	$ 2,656,670	$252,750	$252,155	$24,721,913	$22,310,393
SUMMARY OF COSTS												
Salaries and Personnel Costs	9,823,805	8,964,548	580,189	545,685	8,795,118	8,987,204	1,387,158	1,313,479	515,443	502,965	21,101,713	19,313,881
Supplies and Expenses	1,894,324	1,758,996	318,190	295,036	1,772,133	1,696,418	871,000	776,302	207,788	201,999	5,063,435	4,728,751
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	325,222	337,803	17,781	18,126	226,427	233,621	263,575	268,649	145,072	145,661	978,077	1,003,860
Use of Wagman Centre	—	—	—		—	—	218,675	203,364	(218,675)	(203,364)	—	—
Mortgage Interest	133,766	137,669	—		86,242	6,537	393,228	393,068	—		613,236	537,274
	$12,177,117	$11,199,016	$916,160	$858,847	$10,879,920	$ 9,923,780	$ 3,133,636	$ 2,954,862	$649,628	$647,261	$27,756,461	$25,583,766
NET OPERATING DEFICIT	$ 1,690,338	$ 2,184,833	$285,934	$263,492	$ 315,059	$ 131,750	$ 346,339	$ 298,192	$396,878	$395,106	$ 3,034,548	$ 3,273,373

Treasurer's Report

With the assistance of a larger grant from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, we were able to reduce the Centre's operating deficit to $3,034,548, a reduction of almost $240,000 from last year. Through careful management during the year, the final deficit was also more than $100,000 under budget.

To a large extent, public donations met the operating deficit. The Baycrest Centre Foundation provided $1.25 million this year, mostly through donations to the Chai Fund. The Men's Service Group and the Women's Auxiliary broke their previous fund raising records, contributing $262,202.

In spite of these contributions, it was still necessary to reduce working capital by $245,503 due to the cash deficit in operations.

The major financial undertaking of the year was the management of the cash flow in connection with the construction of the new hospital. A total of $23 million in grants was received from various levels of government, and another $2.8 million was raised through new building campaign pledges.

More than $25 million in hospital construction costs were incurred during the year. It is estimated that a further $23 million will be spent to complete and fully equip the building. In addition, substantial capital will be required for the renovation of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The endowment funds continue to grow and this year increased by $173,000 to reach a total of more than $1.4 million. The interest on these funds helps the Centre provide additional services and programs not covered by government grants and subsidies.

The balance sheet presents a stronger financial picture this year due to the increase in investments and equity. The investment situation is temporary as most of the $4,341,669 represents short term deposits which will be used to complete the new hospital. The equity position will continue to improve as the building is completed without the need for long-term financing.

Martin Storm
Treasurer

BAYCREST CENTRE FOR GERIATRIC CARE
Combined Balance Sheet as at March 31st, 1985
(with comparative figures at March 31st, 1984)

	1985		1984	
ASSETS				
Cash		$ 54,745		$ 25,898
Accounts receivable				
Governments	$ 8,999,362		$ 4,471,030	
Pledges	10,439,264		11,854,868	
Others	1,530,080	20,968,706	758,646	17,084,544
Investments (at cost)		4,341,669		119,512
Inventories & prepaid expenses		416,691		396,514
Property, plant & equipment (at cost less accumulated depreciation)	14,875,156		15,790,463	
New Baycrest Hospital (under construction)	36,308,410	51,183,566	11,201,157	26,991,620
		$76,965,377		$44,618,088
LIABILITIES				
Bank indebtedness		136,687		150,210
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities		8,866,176		6,051,490
Long term debt		7,518,236		7,590,335
		16,521,099		13,792,035
		60,444,278		30,826,053
EQUITY		$76,965,377		$44,618,088

The Centre also holds in trust Endowment and Special Purpose Funds totalling $1,784,219 (1984 — $1,565,850).

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